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Shape Up



It is in your
moments of
decision that
your destiny
is shaped.



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Each new day Shapes you

People say that high school is the best four years of your life. Those people didn't go to college! Late night nuggets, study sessions every weekend and then you go out to celebrate that passing grade.

At UNCP the professors have the ability to spend one on one time with the students and get to know them. Many students have said that the class size is the reason they chose this school. The special attention helps students grow. It means that when you have a question, raising your hand isn't a competition and you'll get the help you need. We're a family. Our friends, coworkers, and even strangers shape our lives. As humans, we are nothing but experiences, so live it up!









Student Life



University life is about more than class, homework, and sleep. It's about the relationships that are built, the friends that are made, and the experiences that ensue on the adventure that is college.

The students here at UNCP know how to have a fun and live their lives to the fullest! There is so much to do, from university-sanctioned events to organizational activities or going to see a play at the Givens Performing Arts Center.

Over 100 organizations and clubs hold events on campus to make sure that UNCP is an accepting campus that creates an open environment for all students.

Sports and Greek life are major aspects of life in Pembroke even if one is not involved directly. Major sporting events like Homecoming and tailgating bring in a large crowd of students to cheer on their peers and participate in the activities that organizations like PAC and CCE provide.

Wake up, show up late, procrastinate, and SMILE.

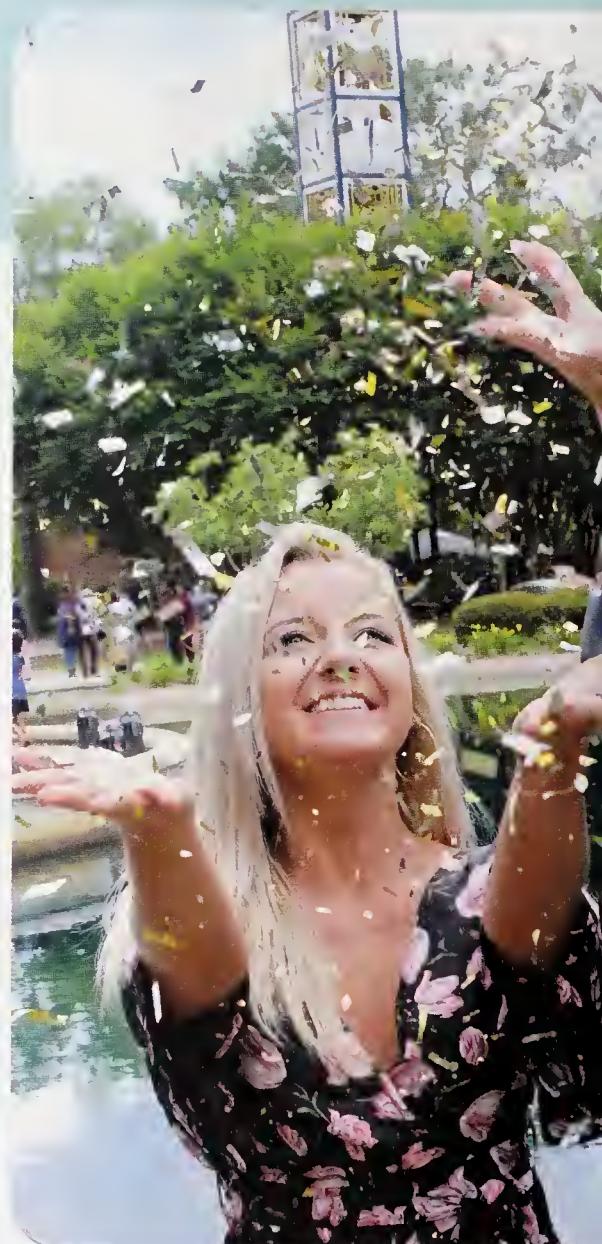
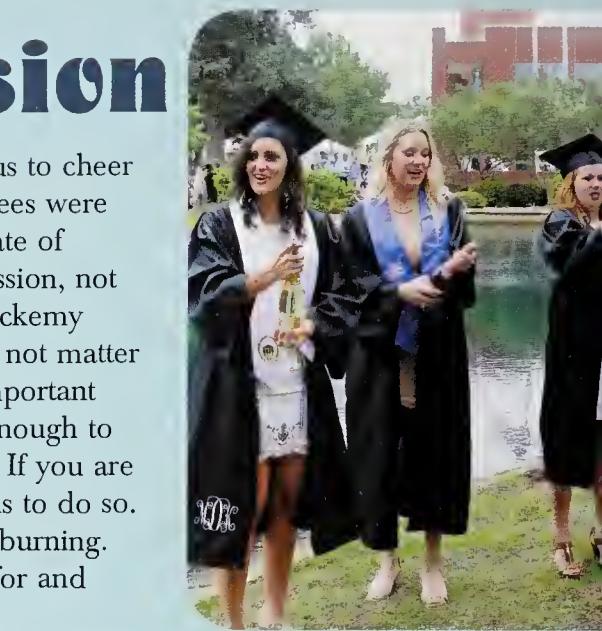
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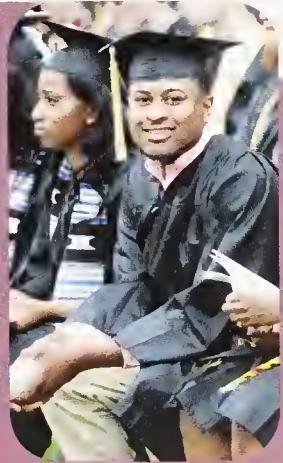
Go Forth with Passion

More than 7,000 people filled the Quad on the south lawn of campus to cheer on their loved ones on Saturday, May 6, as 537 undergraduate degrees were awarded. Keynote speaker Judge James E. Lockemy, a 1971 graduate of UNCP, urged the graduates to seek a career that represents their passion, not just the need for a job. "As you go forth, go forth with passion," Lockemy said. "Whatever you choose to do, keep passion in your life. It does not matter what profession you choose or what road you take, passion is the important ingredient in happiness and a productive life. If you are fortunate enough to be paid to do what you are passionate about, well that is wonderful. If you are not, you have duties to meet and your profession provides the means to do so. Then do your duty, but do not forget your passion. Keep the flame burning. Engage in your passion as you do your duty. Know what you ache for and don't forget your dreams."

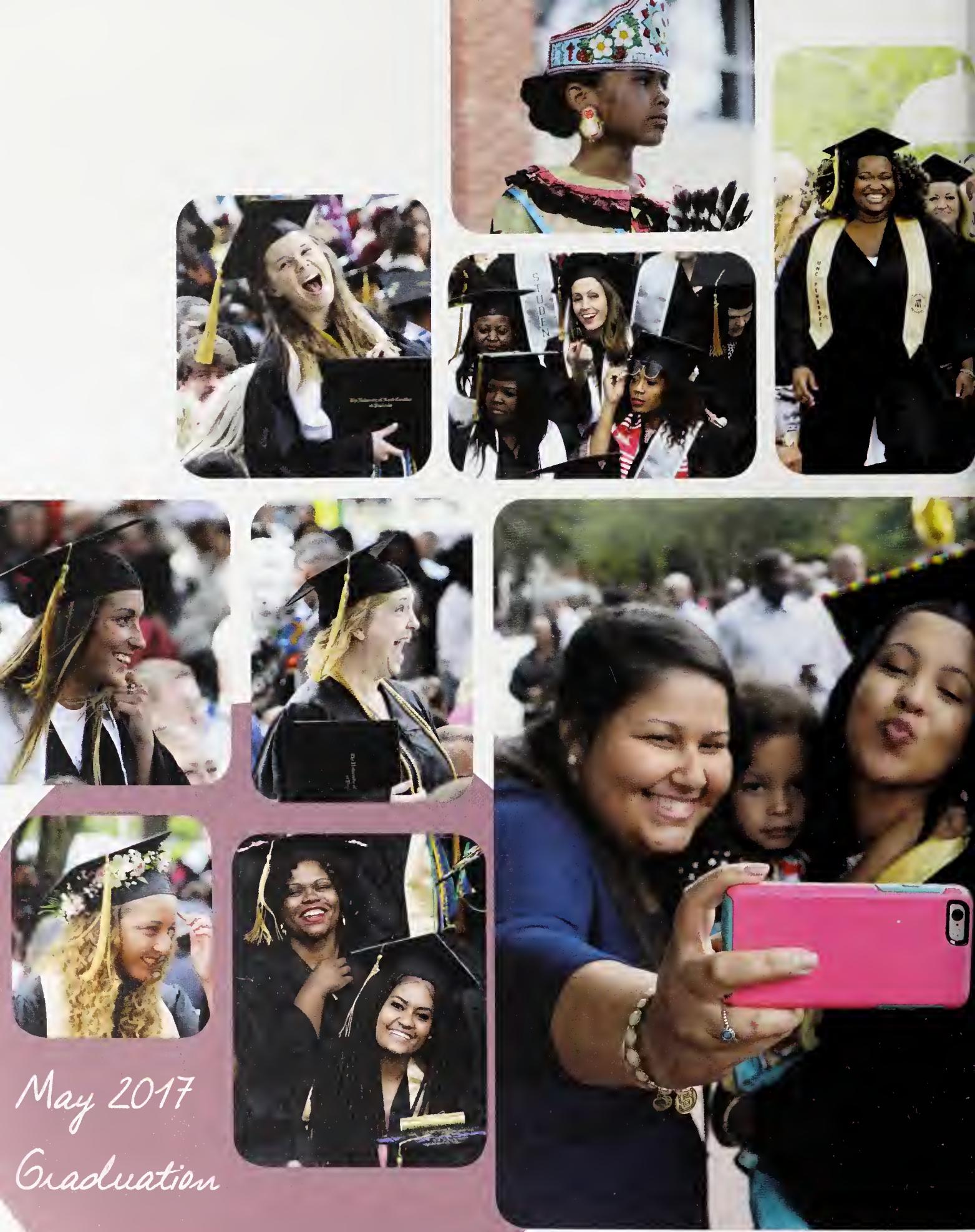
Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings asked the graduates think back to their first day at UNCP and about the ways they have changed. "Every class you've had taken, every club you've participated in, every service project, every concert, every research poster or paper, every relationship you've made has changed your life in subtle ways that result in a profound transformation in the way you see yourself and see the world, whether you realize it now or not." Cummings said. More than half of the graduates are from southeastern North Carolina. Cummings said he hopes many will choose to remain in the region and serve their communities. Dr. Cherry Beasley, the 2017 recipient of the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence, served as grand marshal. Beasley has been a member of the Nursing faculty since 1992. She is the

first American Indian professor at UNCP to win the award. Dr. Martin Brooks, an influential physician and respected community leader in Robeson County, was bestowed an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.





May 2017
Graduation



May 2017
Graduation

Oh, The Places You'll Go!



Among the 692 graduates on Friday and Saturday was **Brandon Lee Locklear**, whose next move after graduation was training to become an operator of unmanned aircraft systems the U.S. Army. "I am going to fly drones," said Locklear, who lives in the Prospect community. Graduation was bitter sweet. "It is good in a sense that I can go on and do bigger and better things," he said. "At the same time, I am not a kid anymore. That's the downside." **Charles Tyner**'s passion was broadcasting. Tyner earned a degree in Mass Communication and eventually wants to work as a producer. "I felt like I was really challenged here at UNC Pembroke," said Tyner, a Fayetteville native. "This is a real special school. I enjoyed the small class size and the personal interaction with my professors. It was a great experience." **Chris Szabo** was among the 37 nursing graduates whose names were called Saturday. He had been offered a position in the Cardiovascular Thoracic unit at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Szabo spent an extra year at UNCP after switching his major from chemistry to nursing. "I always wanted to be a dentist, but I decided to change my career path because I prefer more face-to-face interaction with my patients," he said.

"Pembroke has been a unique experience that has tested me every step of the way while helping me grow as an individual and allowing me to meet some of the most wonderful friends I have ever made." After earning a biology degree, **Mena Issa** packed his bags for the Caribbean Island of St. Vincent; he had been accepted into the Trinity School of Medicine with plans to become a surgeon. Saturday was a proud moment for **Frida Rodriguez** and her family, who came to the United States from Mexico. She was the first in her family to receive a college degree. The Sanford native planned to join the U.S. Army and train as a human resources specialist. **Diona Covington** of Rockingham was among the 155 graduate students who crossed the stage at the Givens Performing Arts Center during the Graduate School ceremony on Friday. Hours earlier, Covington received a phone call. "I was offered a job as a licensed clinical social worker!" she said with a big smile.



Hello, Pembroke

The influx of new students on campus brought about many exciting introductions to not only university life, but the enjoyable aspects available. Preceding move-in, assisted by former students, many volunteering student athletes and faculty, students were awarded the opportunity to grasp the true feel of UNCP's black and gold pride. Welcome Week revealed, captured and enhanced university spirit through engaging and expressive ways. Increased enrollment and diversity provided an atmosphere full of fun and uniqueness. Prominent opportunities for meet-and-greets, pictures for endless memories and a one of a kind dance party welcomed students and offered leisure time before the real work began. A Hawk Fest PaintU party, food and drinks, and overall exploration of the campus set the stage to create a new feel of student life. Bringing in new personalities to truly enhance the already diverse campus brought about a closeness among students.

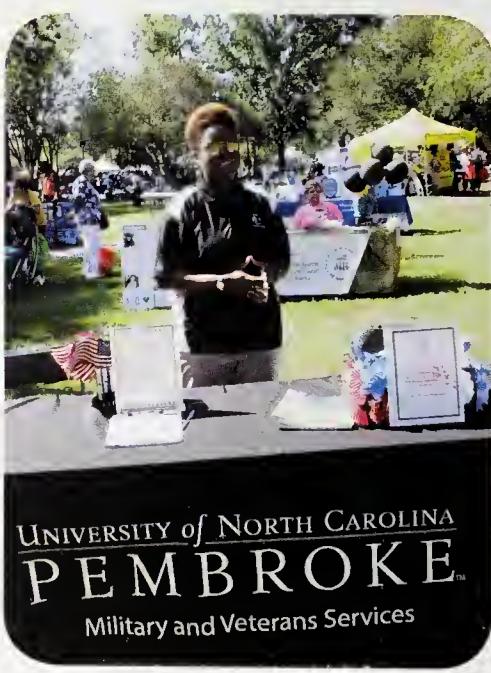
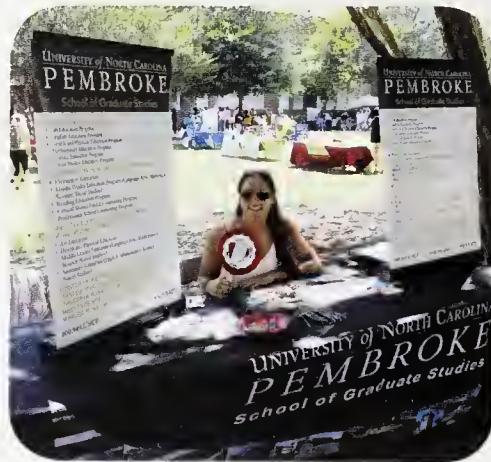




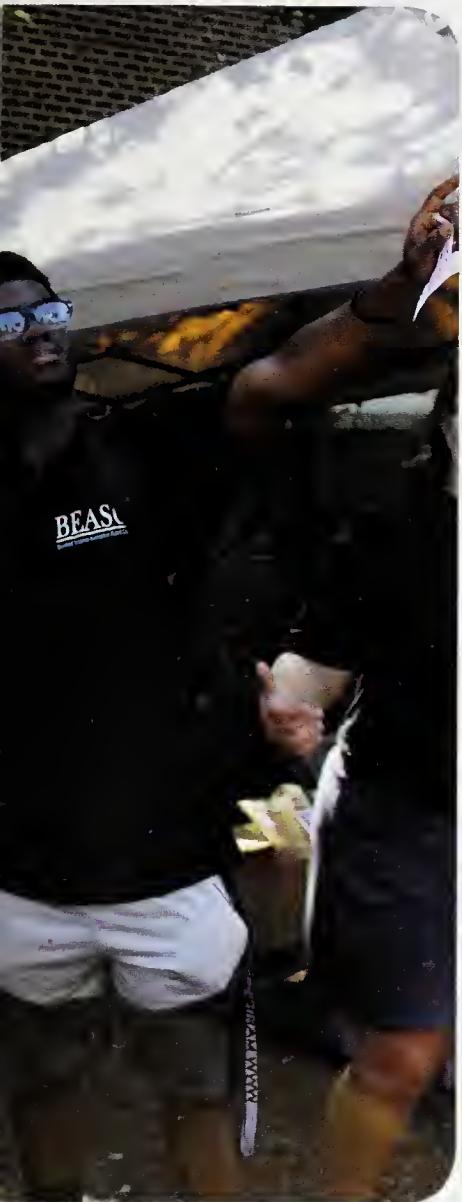
Fall
Move-In

Our Day to Shine

Pembroke Day is a popular and time-honored tradition at UNCP; the university has partnered with the town of Pembroke to sponsor this town and gown event since 1989. Nearly 200 vendors, student clubs and organizations, community groups, and university offices participated in this year's event on September 27. The Quad, between Old Main and the Mary Livermore Library, was lined with informational booths, food vendors, crafts, and promotional giveaways. The Music Department provided entertainment with performances by the Pembroke Singers, the Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band, and the University Chorale. Miss UNCP DeAndrea Crockwell also performed, along with the Lumbee Ambassadors and others. Student Health Services also coordinated a Health Fair as part of the event, which included free health screenings. Several health agencies had representatives on campus to answer questions and provide information on a variety of topics.



Pembroke Day





Fall 2017

Fall Forward

Students speaking up for what they believe in, fashion shows, SGA installations, concerts, and more! At UNCP there is never a dull moment if you know where to look. Midnight breakfast gets students geared up for finals by bringing everyone together with a DJ, Greek dances, and of course - food! Finals are stressful but that is nothing that waffles and grits can't fix.

Students took to the streets to get their voices heard during the election period. At a university that encourages diversity and bravery (GO BRAVES) it only makes sense that there would be a protest here and there. Caleb Sasser, a music student, released an album and gained popularity among the student body. He held a few concerts in Moore Hall.

The Chinese students put on events in the Annex including the Chinese New Year, Chinese Culture Day and Chinese Moon Festival and offered traditional Chinese foods, games and recreations like mahjong, pokers, singing and dancing and

other games. Groups such as the Chinese Club and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association partnered with SGA to bring those events to life. Omar Torres and Dajer Fernandez were installed as Vice President and President by the Chancellor in September.

Greek organizations such as the Hispanic sorority Lambda Theta Alpha and fraternities Lambda Theta Phi and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia held events outside the UC with a DJ and food. Students joined in or looked at the different dancing styles that the Hispanic cultures bring to campus.



Fall Back

Fall is warm, sunny, and full of fun! Homecoming, hammocks and naps in the sun are what college life is about during these months. Students find themselves doing homework and having study groups in the quad on a blanket in the grass to relax but still be productive.

In the meantime, some take breaks to hang out with friends on the benches and picnic tables around campus or by the fountain. The water feature at UNCP is a gathering ground as it is close to Starbucks and lets face it, nearly every college student is breathing coffee at some point.

Sleep schedules tend to get messed up living in dorm rooms but some make up for this by filling that time awake with friends on the front steps of Oak or going to the gym in the wee hours of the morning with their teammates.

Food is a common ice breaker or something to do when there's nothing to do. Taco Bell and McDonald's are the two go-to places that students go if they don't have a car to go to Cook Out! Since these places are open late, you may see some students roaming around with bags of food, even at 1:00 a.m.





Fall 2017

Bringing It Full Circle

Family Weekend is a special time on campus where students, parents, and siblings get to enjoy campus life for a weekend together by participating in many exciting festivities. This year's Family Weekend on Saturday, September 23, featured a carnival on the UC Lawn with a number of giant inflatables and a blend of classic and modern carnival games. There was also a herpetologist on hand to introduce students and their families to snakes and other reptiles. For those who were looking to get out of the summer heat, ice cold beverages and other activities were on hand in the University Center Lounge. Family weekend is not only a time for entertainment. It's an opportunity to make lasting memories with those whom you hold dearest. It serves as a reminder that amidst our busy college schedules, having memorable times with those we care about and building relationships can be the rejuvenating breath of fresh air that we all sometimes need.



Family
Weekend



Homecoming



Tell the World

October 23 - 28 was a week of fun-filled activities that brought together current students, alumni, and community members for Homecoming. The week included spirit competitions, several performances in the GPAC and the UC, and a Homecoming tee shirt giveaway.

The Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 26, started in town and made its way through campus as observers cheered from the sidewalks. Participants included Chancellor and Mrs. Cummings, Miss UNCP, and floats representing many campus and community groups.

The parade was followed by a bonfire and a pep rally. Homecoming King and Queen candidates made some last minute public appearances, and the Spirit Squad danced to the music that pumped through the gym to boost morale for the weekend's games.



I'm Coming Home

After five days packed with activities to promote unity and school spirit, Homecoming Weekend culminated on Saturday, October 28. The day began with a Tailgate Party featuring games, food, and free gear stations. Fans then headed into Grace P. Johnson Stadium for the Homecoming football game against Lenoir-Rhyne. Halftime festivities included performances by the Spirit of the Carolinas marching band and drill team and the crowning of Deion Perry and Georgian Kailondo as the Homecoming King and Queen. The Braves caught the spirit of the crowd and fought to a 14-10 victory to close out an exciting week.





Homecoming

Cultural Awareness



Building Bridges

Many groups and events on campus aimed to build bridges between different cultures and traditions. Students in ETFL's Spanish language classes and their professors, as well as the larger university and Pembroke community, gathered together to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month on September 17th at the UC. Students from the ETFL Spanish Program, Multicultural Center, Sigma Delta Pi, and the OLE organization prepared various presentations and activities that highlighted aspects of Hispanic culture. After the musical events and games, the attendees

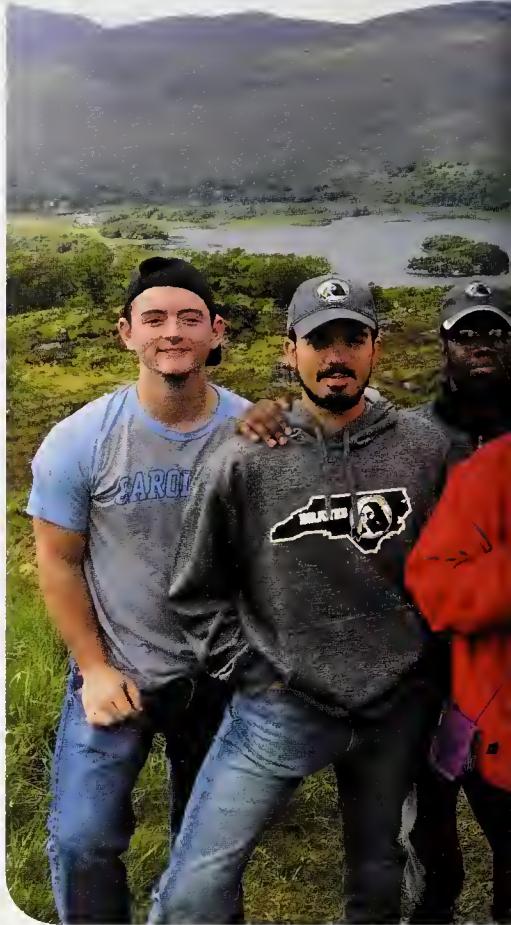
enjoyed delicious Hispanic food. Another event that focused on cultural awareness was the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, which allowed international students to share their heritage through dance performances, presentations, artifacts and artwork, and-of course-food.



Are We There Yet?

Studying abroad or away is about more than traveling. It's about experiencing something outside of one's comfort zone, trying new foods, and even riding a camel for the first time! Dr. Jamie Litty took one of her Mass Communication classes to Ireland last summer and they had nothing but wonderful things to say. It truly is a once in a lifetime event that everyone should have the opportunity to do.

The International Programs office works with faculty and students to find places that are available and educational. During the 2017 - 2018 academic year, 75 students went to Belize, Cuba, Ireland (twice), Oman, and Spain. Courses in Mass Communication, Elementary Education, Foreign Languages, and Political Science were some that gave students a chance to travel while learning.



Study Abroad



Moments to Remember

Ireland

Savannah Thompson
Senior

Studying abroad was one of the best things I decided to do during my four years at UNCP. I would do it again in a heartbeat. Getting to learn about another place while you're also experiencing it, is the best way to do it!

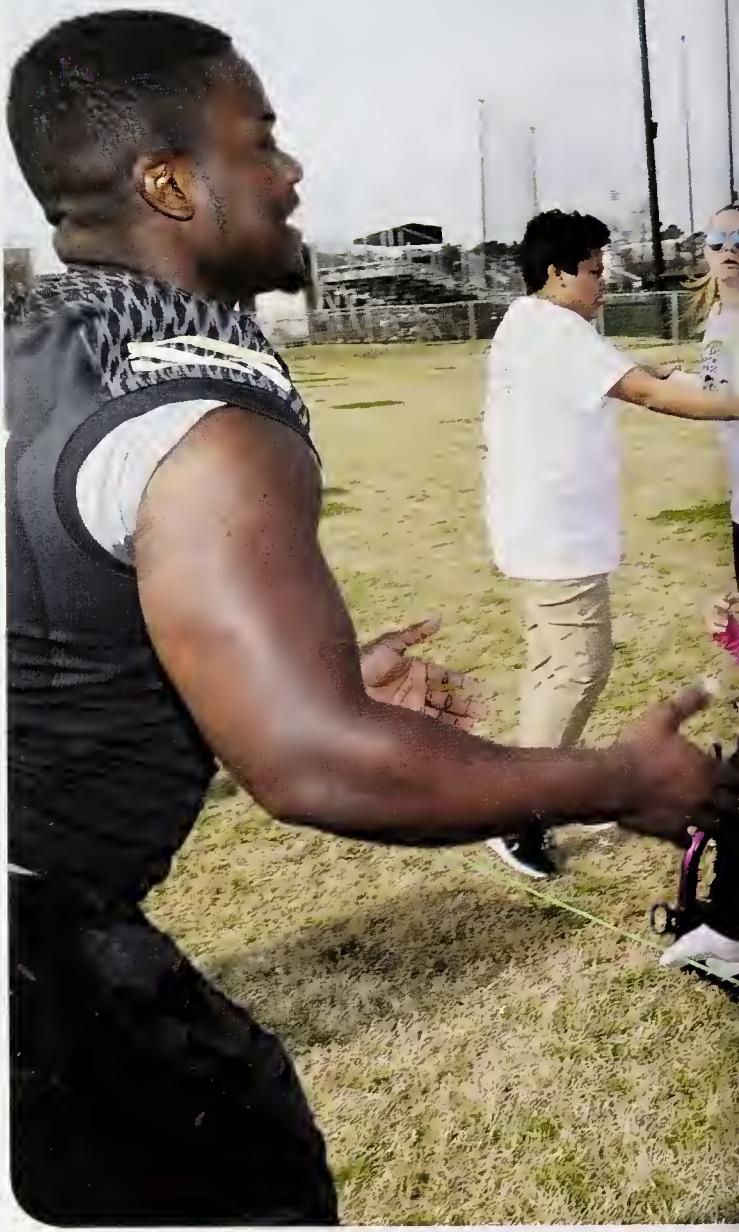
David Brown III
Senior

Studying abroad was truly life-changing. Not only did I get to immerse myself in new cultures and eat delicious food, but I got to check off a bucket list item with some of my closest friends.

Chaliss Cline
Senior

Studying abroad in Ireland was an opportunity of a lifetime. Getting to take in and experience a different culture firsthand was amazing. Not only was the food delicious, the views were just like what you see in the magazines. If you ever get the opportunity to study abroad, do it!





Leading By Example

The many sororities and fraternities on campus find time to volunteer in the community, because each group has a mission, but students not involved in Greek life do as well. Community and Civic Engagement (CCE) works to provide students with the skills and opportunities to reach out and help those not directly affiliated with the university.

The Day of Service, held on 9/11, is one of the most active days of the school year for students to participate. However, there were many other opportunities. Special Olympics, held by the public schools of Robeson County, was an event that took place at the Grace P. Johnson Stadium and brought in many UNCP student athletes volunteering with young individuals as well.

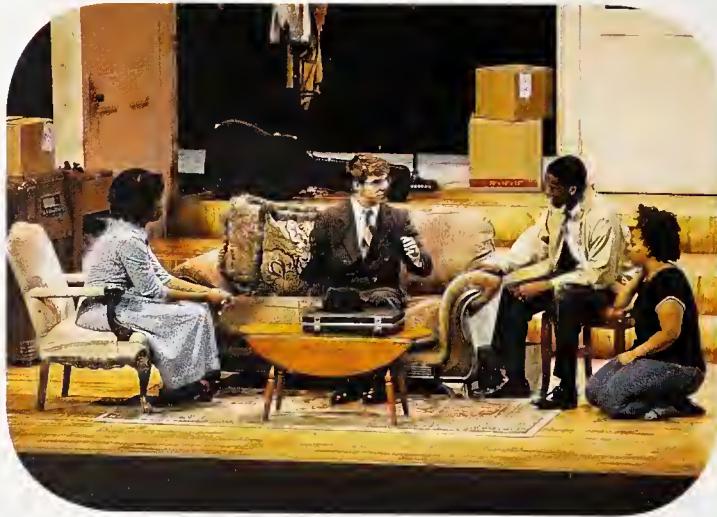
Student Involvement



Action!

The September 2017 production of *Romeo and Juliet* was a first for GPAC and University Theatre. Professional actors from Los Angeles and New York starred in key roles, working as artists in residence with University Theatre students to provide them with a professional experience filling secondary roles. Jonathan Drahos directed the play; Stephanie Peters developed costumes; David Underwood oversaw props and support; and Eric Voeck designed the set, lighting, and projection. In November, Drahos directed University Theatre's production of Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* with an all-student cast: Hakeem Abdur-Rahim, Darian Role, Brice Anthony Heller, Mac McGill, and Laura Catherine Ashley Bartolotti. In February, University Theatre's production of Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*, directed by Holden Hansen, prompted conversation about contemporary issues of racism, pride, and perseverance.

Theatre majors Hakeem Abdur-Rahim, Christopher Bates, Dennis Bowen, Javonne Cromartie, Jasmine Colie Dominique Davis, Marcius (CiCi) Guthrie, Brice Anthony Heller, Nicolai Lopez, Merry Samantha Paige Maxwell, Dyrrin (D.J.) Ray, Darian Rolle, Rebecca Feyi Wey, and Laura Zaetz made up the performance's cast and crew. Assistant Professor David Walton of UNCP's Department of History moderated post-performance dialogues on Feb. 21 and 23, sponsored by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion.



Student Productions

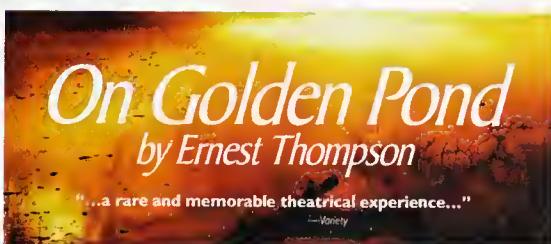


Givens Performing Arts Center



Rising Star

The Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) brought world-class entertainment to campus with its 2017-18 Broadway and More series. Opening with Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* on September 14, other performances during Fall 2017 included Martial Artists and Acrobats of Tianjin on October 19, thrilling the audience with circus acts, illusions, aerial stunts, juggling acts, contortion tricks, and feats of balance in one dazzling performance, and *Cirque Dreams Holidaze* on November 20: a new cirque show, Broadway musical, and family Christmas spectacular all in one! Rounding out the semester was the 9th Annual Holiday Extravaganza on December 1. Virtually all of the university's ensembles and choirs performed holiday favorites in addition to a fun sing-along. Derik Nelson and Family opened the second half of the series on January 9, followed by a string quartet concert on January 23, *Amazing Grace: The Musical* on March 13, a new original musical based on the awe-inspiring true story behind the world's most beloved song, and *Wizard of Oz: The Musical* on March 19, a spectacular celebration of the iconic 1939 MGM film. The final show, on April 6, was Ernest Thompson's *On Golden Pond* performed by the Montana Repertory Theatre.

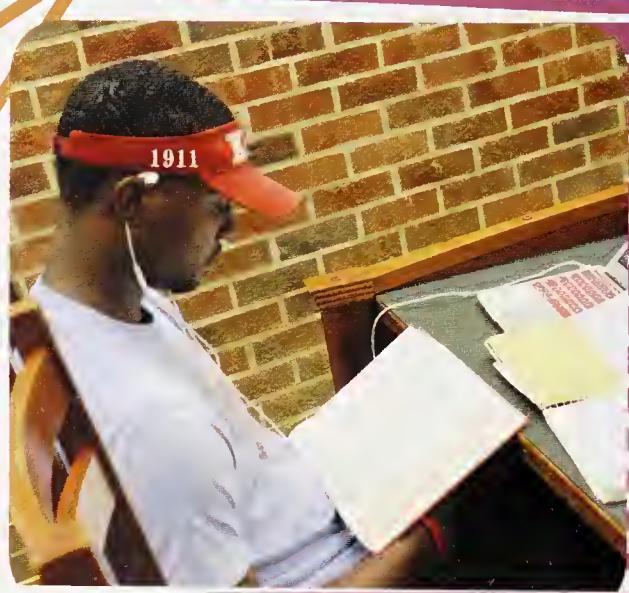
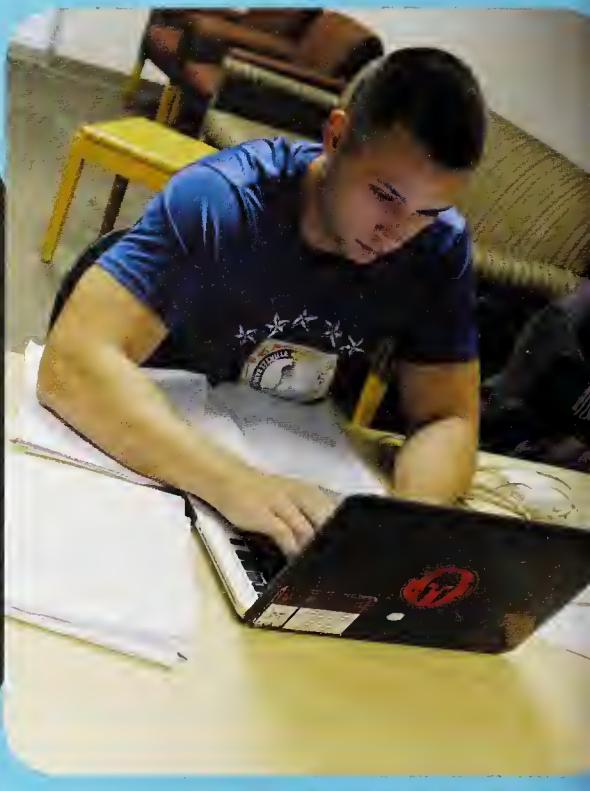


Finally Here

Finals week is arguably the most important week of the semester. Everything boils down to this one week and papers, projects, any late work, packages - it's all due. All that was taught that semester is compounded and put into one single test.

But, don't stress! Go to the library, paint a turtle in the UC with CAPS, study outside in the sun and get some fresh air. It seems hard but this is what you're here for. Grab your friends and dust off those textbooks.

UNCP is here for students during finals with a week-long stress relief session in the UC with arts and crafts, food, and music. Midnight breakfast is a nice break from studying and gets your energy up right when you need it. While it isn't actually at midnight, it goes from 9 p.m. to midnight so there's plenty of time to let loose and calm your nerves before the big test. Breathe, we all go through it.



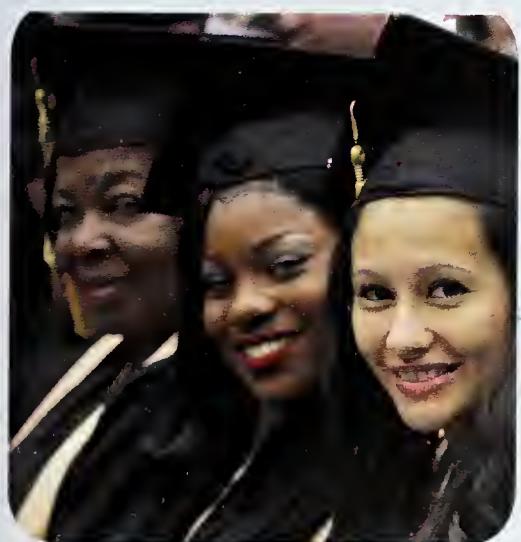
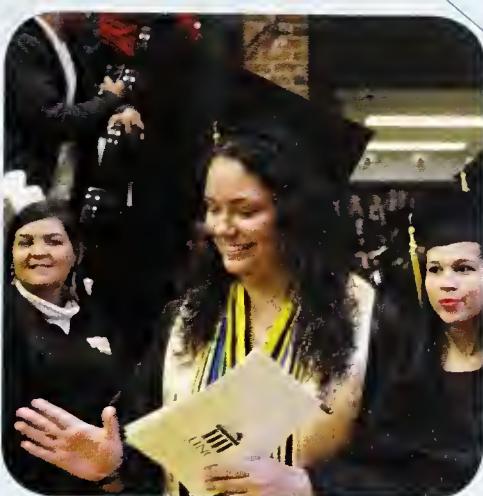
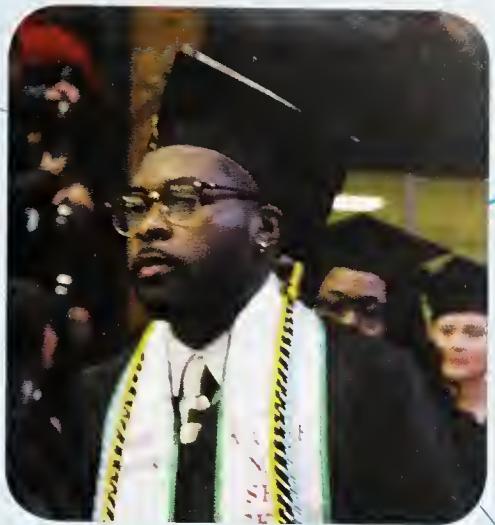


A Degree Cooler

Thousands packed the English E. Jones Center on Saturday, December 9, to celebrate with loved ones as Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings conferred 446 undergraduate degrees. Sixty-nine graduate degrees were awarded during a separate ceremony Friday night. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, gave the commencement address on Saturday. Cohen shared personal stories of how she contemplated giving up on her dream to become a medical doctor. "But then I thought of my mother and how she wasn't given the opportunity to go to medical school," she said. Cohen said her belief in herself and inspiration of her mother motivated her success. In a somber moment during the ceremony, Vernexia Love accepted a degree awarded in memoriam for her mother, Joann Baldwin of Parkton. Baldwin was three classes shy of earning her degree in sociology when she passed away on December 6, 2016.

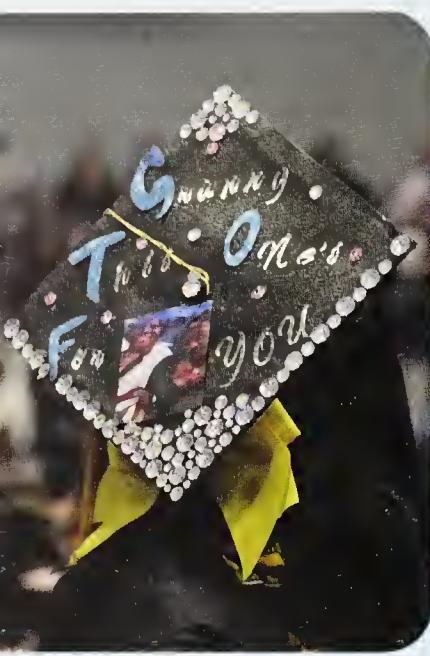
Chancellor Cummings left the graduates with a final message to pursue a life of success, but also, a life of significance. UNCP English professor Dr. Richard Vela was the keynote speaker during the graduate ceremony on Friday. Vela encouraged students to consider how their education has prepared them for the world ahead and how their lives will continue to change. "From now on, everything is application. Change is inevitable. You will never stop learning and, therefore, I hope never stop becoming better off," said Vela.



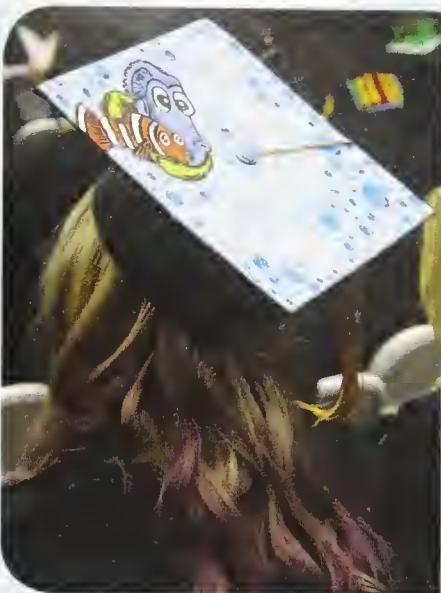
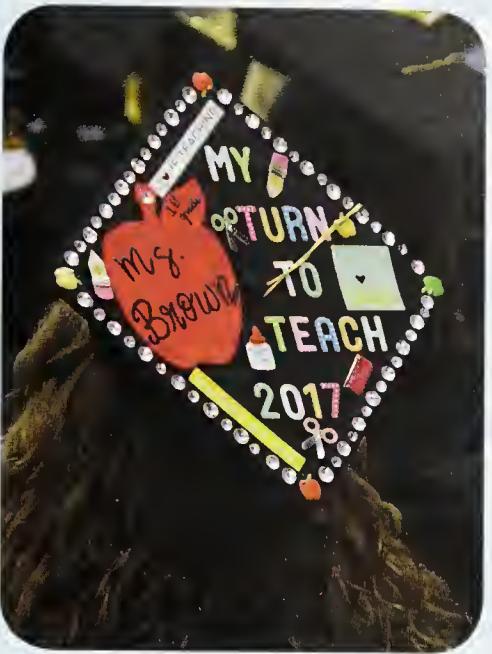


December
2017

Graduation



December
2017
Graduation



Hats Off!

The chair where **Troy Love** has been receiving dialysis treatments for the past three years was empty on Saturday, December 9, because Love was among the sea of graduates during the 2017 Winter Commencement. "I am excited," said Love of Red Springs. "I would have never thought I would ever get to this point, knowing that a couple of years ago I could have been dead." Love, 25, was diagnosed in 2014 with Stage-5 kidney failure. At that time, his kidneys were functioning at 2 percent. Despite the long hours of dialysis treatments three days a week, Love transferred to UNCP from Robeson Community College and pursued a degree in social work. Love planned to start a mentoring program for young men. **Dakota Leviner**, of McColl, S.C., earned her bachelor's degree in biology and planned to continue studying toward a second degree in physical therapy. "It was a great experience," said Leviner, who played two years on the softball team. "I loved the small classes and the interaction with my professors." **Daria Bannerman**, of Maple Hill, beat the odds to become a two-time graduate of UNCP, earning a master's degree in social work on Friday, December 8. Bannerman was born blind and premature, weighing one pound, seven ounces. "She is our miracle child," said her mother Pamela Bannerman. Daria said she was thankful to have a great support system throughout her nine years at UNCP. "After all my time, I feel like Pembroke is my home." Bannerman planned to land a job with a state agency helping others with disabilities. "I want to link them with the resources they need so they can live the lives they want."



Take Home the Crown

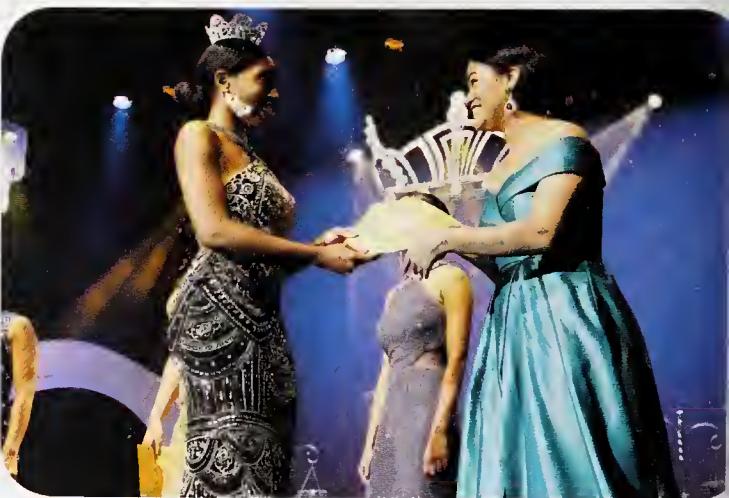
Taley Strickland has served as an ambassador since her freshman year, and the senior Mass Communication major from Pembroke accepted a more visible role on campus when she was crowned Miss UNCP 2018. Strickland said she was elated when her name was called in front of more than 1,100 people at the Givens Performing Arts Center on February 1. "I was really nervous, but when they finally announced the winner, it was very humbling," Strickland said. She received a \$2,000 scholarship, free student housing, and a meal plan for one year.

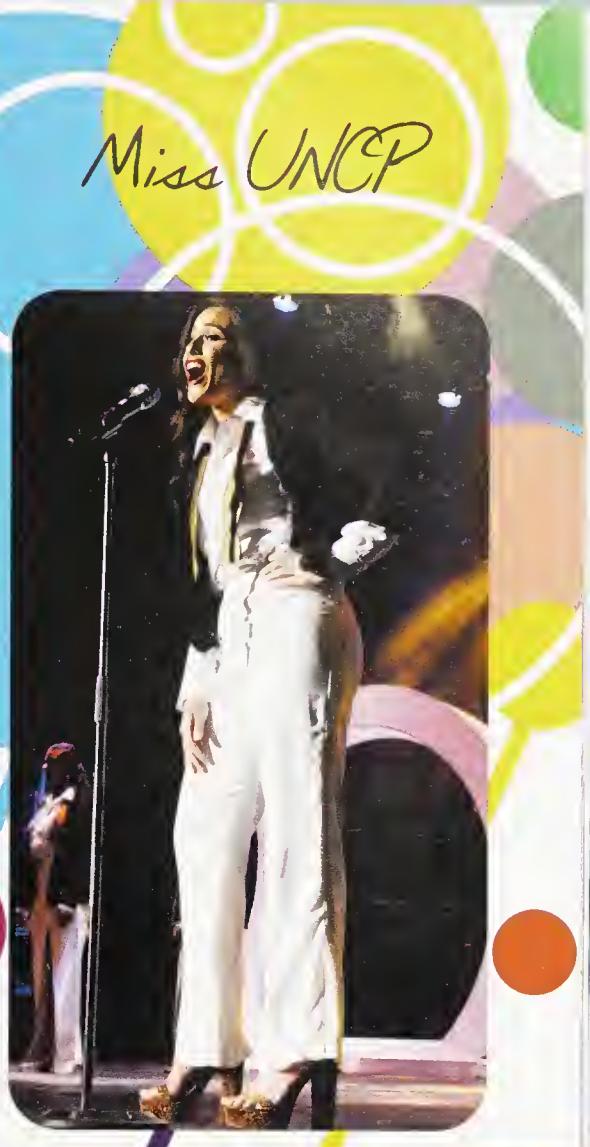
Bryana Carrington was first runner-up.

Jamelynn Johnson was second runner-up.

Jasmine Carrion won Miss Congeniality. **Chenoa Emanuel** took home both the Kelsey Cummings Spirit Award and the Community Choice Award, a new feature of this year's pageant. The audience selected the winner through donations to the UNCP CARE Resource Center.

The other contestants were **Sadira Baccus** and **Njeri Bracy**. They were judged in four rounds, including casual wear, talent, evening wear and an on-stage question. The emcee for the evening was Michelle Braxton, a former Miss Goldsboro who was runner-up for Miss North Carolina in 1991.





Miss UNCP



Shine On

The seven contestants who competed for the title of Miss UNCP on February 1 entertained the audience and enlightened them on many important issues through their platforms. Sadira Baccus, a junior from Lexington, performed a contemporary dance; her platform was "Religious Intolerance: Discrimination of Muslim Women." Njeri Bracy, a freshman from Winterville, performed a modern dance; her platform was "Being Your Best Self: Promoting Mental Health and Self Love." First runner-up Bryana Carrington, a junior from Fayetteville, performed a hula dance; her platform was "Be a Work of H.E.A.R.T." Jasmine Carrion, a sophomore from Fayetteville, performed a contemporary dance; her platform was "Be BRAVE and Stand Up." Chenoa Emanuel, a junior from Clinton, performed a lyrical dance; her platform was "Safe Hands: Preventing CAB (Child Abuse and Bullying)." Second runner-up Jamelynn Johnson, a senior from Kenly, sang during the talent competition. Her platform was "Brave Buddies." Winner Taley Strickland, a senior from Pembroke, performed a soulful rendition of Haley Reinhart's version of "House of the Rising Sun." Her platform was "R.I.S.E.: Retention Increasing through Service and Engagement." Special entertainment included Miss North Carolina 2017 Victoria Huggins; Miss Greater Southeastern Outstanding Teen Drew Chavis; Miss Black North Carolina 2012 Pia Jessup; Miss UNCP 1998 Rebecca Revels Lowry, who was also Miss North Carolina 2002; and the Mark McKinney and Co. Acoustic Trio.



Bad to the Bone

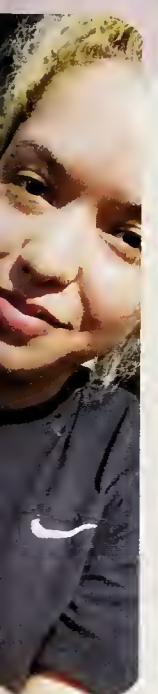
Everyone that has ever owned a pet knows that fur babies are a part of the family, not JUST an animal. Pets are proven to lower stress levels, relieve loneliness, and help balance emotions. That is why we must take a moment to appreciate our pets.

Whether you have a cat, dog, horse, snake, turtle, or whatever other animal you could think of, it is important to you. And their survival depends on you! You are their life, and they could possibly be the only reason you leave your house on a Sunday if they need to go outside.

Having a pet in college helps reduce stress because of their happy faces. They give us a break from our mundane everyday lives to look at something breathing and content with life to slow down and realize that there's more to life than a class.

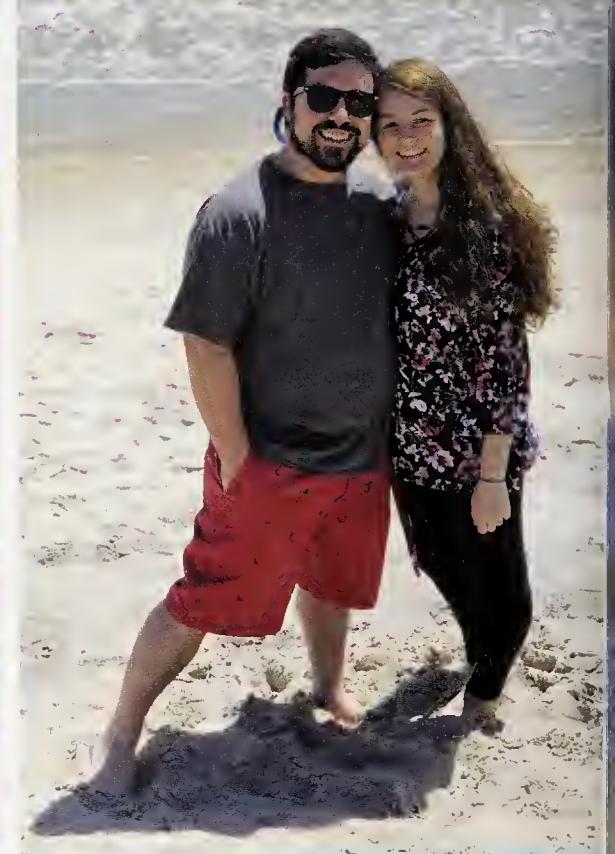
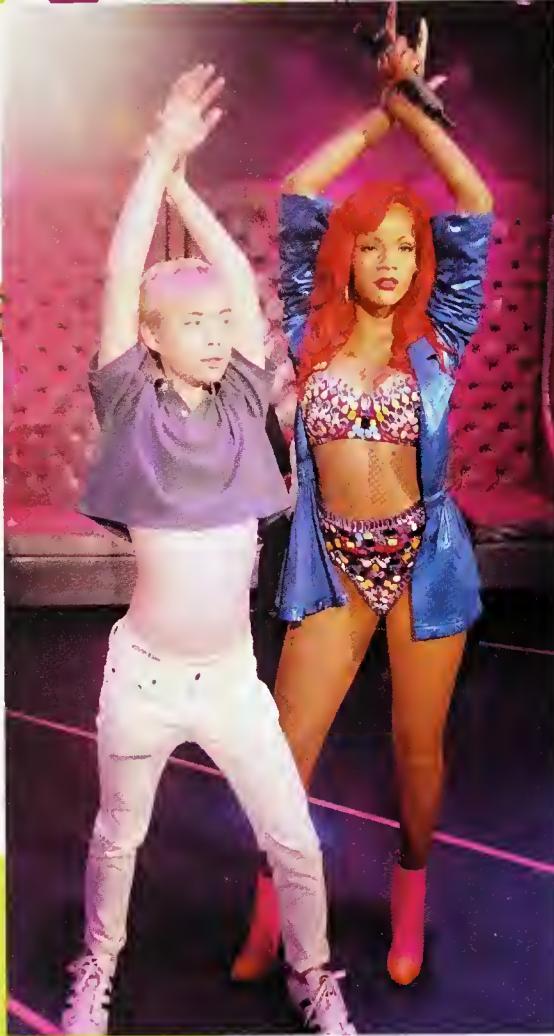
Our pets make us smile, cry, laugh, and scream depending on the hour of the day, but we wouldn't change them for the world.





Pets

Spring
Break



From
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Beauty in Bloom

Your college experience is composed of everything you do while you're enrolled in school. This is definitely the case for Spring Break!

Many students travel during Spring Break to other states, and that holds true for those featured here. Some went to South Carolina, Florida, California and Nevada!

Life is nothing but memories. It may seem like it is more complicated but ultimately you are made up of memories. They shape your core. Who you are as a person is your experiences and how you handled them.

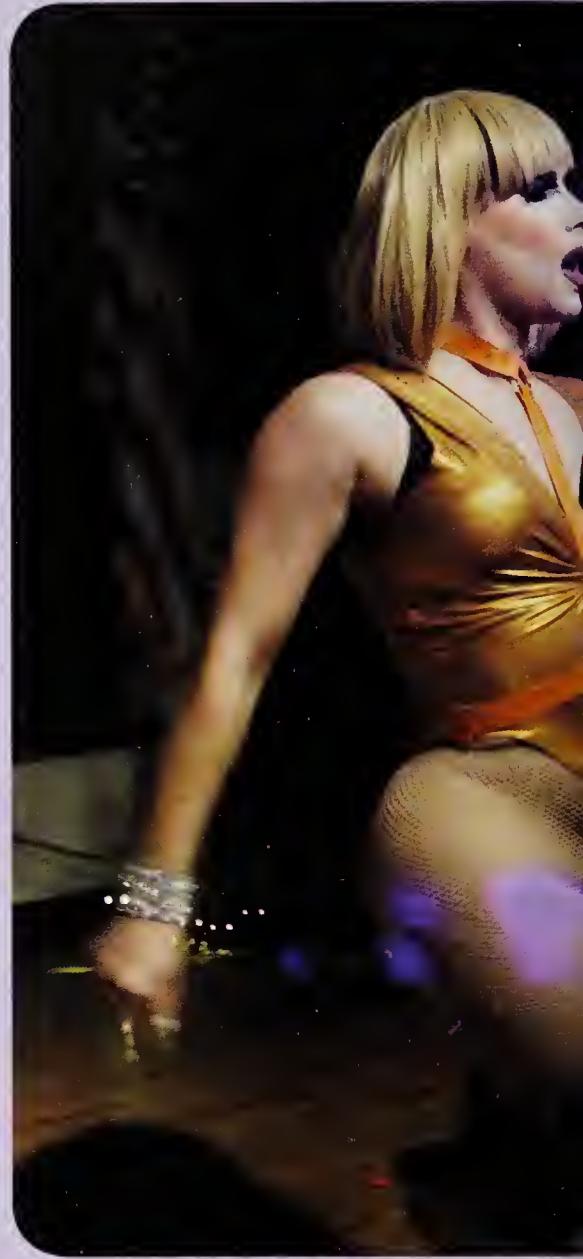
Do it while you're young. Go to the beach, buy that shirt, take your shoes off, experience life before you look back and realize that you wasted it away being too careful.

Swing into Spring

Spring events are the brightest and happiest. Spectrum's Drag Show had the largest turnout it's had this year. More freshmen came out than ever before making students overflow into the UC and sit on the floor to watch the show. Queens such as Thundra Thigh, Tatiana Matthews, and Jinx Matthews traveled to perform. Fun fact: Tatiana is a prior theater student here!

GPAC had exciting performances from gymnastics and illusionists bringing the audience into it multiple times. At one point the illusionist brought children on stage, and children are always the funniest! With no censor, it was a blast. He escaped a straight jacket upside down and disappeared. That's right, gone.

Other events included Boy Scouts, soon to be Scouts, in the Annex, as well as sporting events, Miss Indian NC Scholarship pageant, Miss UNCP, the Spring Fling and the Festival at Old Main. Every semester students have many events each week to keep busy with.





Spring
Events

Indian Heritage

Embrace Your Heritage

The community and university gathered on March 25 for the second annual Powwow held in the main gym. Vendors set up in the main room of the Jones building to give viewers an opportunity to purchase some handcrafted soaps, crafts and food.

Indigenous people from at most 10 tribes including Waccamaw, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Sappony and people from North Dakota, South Dakota and Hawaii made appearances.

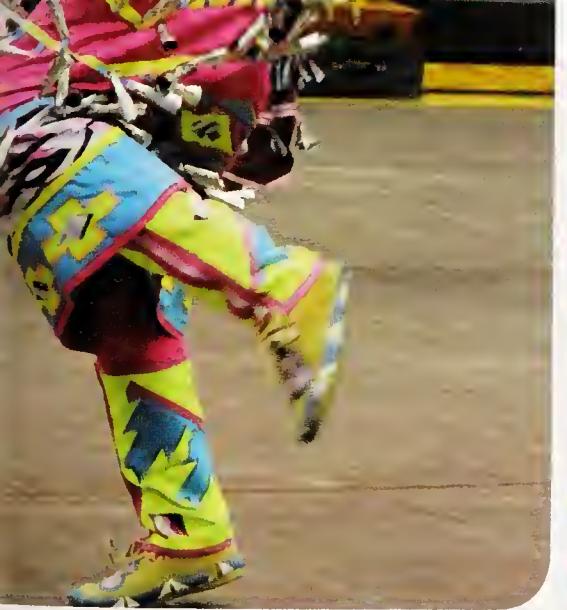
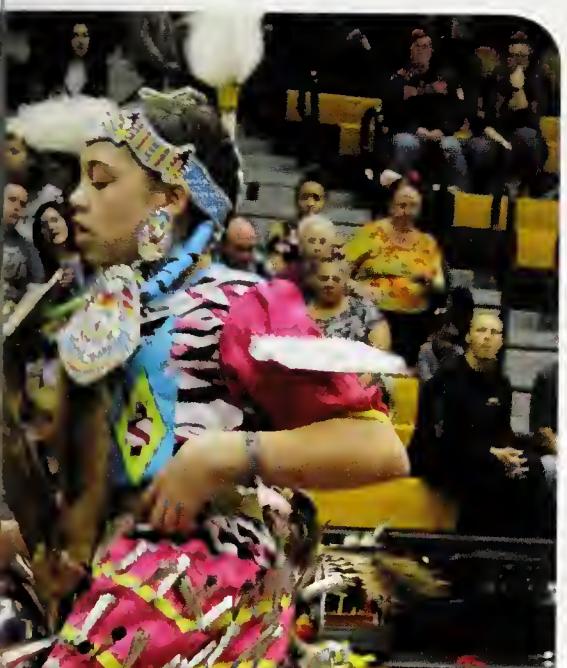
In addition to the socializing and shopping aspects, the powwow had competitions for singing and drumming and dancing in different categories. The music competitions were split between Northern and Southern styles. The northern style is the higher pitched singing while southern is lower.

Stoney Creek and War Paint were the two northern singing groups present. Southern Suns, Spirit Eagle and Smokey Town are southern singers.

Community members included head dancers Ethan Oxendine and Jasmine Jacobs, Arena Director Terry White and head judges Chris Conner, Christopher Richardson and Becky Goins for drum, dance, and tabulator respectively.

Reggie Brewer, a member of the Lumbee tribe who participated in the Northern Men's Traditional dance, summed up the powwow: "Dancing is a prayer. And to be able to pray is to heal, and to heal is to dance", said Brewer.







Organizations

Clubs and organizations make up about 60% of everyone's lives at UNCP. Even if somehow a student isn't involved in any clubs, the events that are held on campus directly reflect the views of this establishment and work to create a more inviting environment for all students, not just some.

As UNCP is the most diverse, students here don't see it as that diverse because we all see each other every day. Thanks to groups like Spectrum and cultural organizations like the Chinese Club we have grown to be more accepting just by attending school here.

The student body comes together in and out of the classroom to make sure that the events held on campus appeal to more than just one set of people, and sometimes that includes the Student Government Association partnering with other groups to provide a more in-depth service.

Through events like the Drag Show by Spectrum, the Powwows held by The Native American Student Organization and the community, we are faced with diversity every single day. UNCP truly is changing lives through education; more importantly, the clubs here work toward that goal as well.





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ASO

ASO Officers
President: Adaeze Duru
Secretary: Rae Farmer

Instagram: uncp_aso





For the Culture

The African Student Organization was put into place to build a connection with the African students here at UNCP. They strive to spread awareness of African culture throughout the campus community. This organization helps to educate and express the ways of the African community through a vast web of networking to other organizations on campus. ASO hosts events such as the “breaking stereotypes” series that helps to make individuals more aware of the biases that are involved in the African community. This event is a great way to bring unity between the different diversities by breaking down the unnecessary barrier of biases and assumptions that are thrown around in society.



The Men's Basketball Club provides an extra outlet for men who are interested in playing basketball and representing the school. The members of the club participate in multiple tournaments against other campus basketball clubs, most recently winning the NIRSA regional championship at ECU on March 18. Members of the club also participate in UNCP's Christmas basketball tournament.

Basketball Club



Basketball Club Officers
President: Ronnie Bradley

Instagram: uncpmensclubbb

Culture & Wildlife

These Braves express their love and passion for all things biology and environmental related. To the right we have the wonderful president and vice president of the Braves Biology Club spreading the word about the importance and education of all things biology-related. The members of the Biology Club also took part in a trip planting pine trees into the wilderness to help the growth of the ecosystem in that area.

The Black History Club spreads the importance of Black history by expressing their passion toward the subject. This club helps to develop that connection for graduate schools to help obtain an MA or PhD in African American History or other related topics. They help build a networking system for their members.



Biology Club





Black History Club





Brother 2 Brother



Helping Hands

Brother 2 Brother is a male empowerment group here on the campus of UNCP with aims of increasing the retention rate amongst minority males. B2B looks to develop their members through personal development, academics, community service, and financial literacy. This year's officers were Zavier Covington-president, Deion Perry-vice president, Avante Jones-secretary, Shakeem Graham-public relations chair, Boyi Bokar-academics chair, Moses McGill-social chair, Jonathan Farmer-personal development chair, Malik Scott-finance chair, and Montreal Adams-community service chair.

The Office for Community & Civic Engagement changes lives through education by enhancing civic engagement competency through high impact service-learning opportunities and community involvement. They provide opportunities for college students to recognize their civic potential and take initiative to develop it. Students enrich and enhance their education experience through active, engaged service.



CCE



Green Day

The Greener Coalition promotes conservation and preservation of the environment at UNCP and the surrounding community by educating and informing students about environmental issues and advocating for local and sustainable food at UNCP. The group has held numerous information sessions at the UC and educated students through small game sessions. They also partnered with Growing Change, a non-profit organization that addresses issues that their state faces, such as the number of juveniles entering the penal system and the abandoned prison sites that decay into dysfunction. Their members traveled to the Old Wagram Prison site and worked to help convert the site into a sustainable farm and an education center for the surrounding community. They have made great progress in the campus garden: leveling the ground, constructing garden beds, planting species of native plants that support local pollinators, and installing a composter. Their efforts also support the Kids in the Garden program on campus. The group is also leading a campus cleanup project. The cleanup on the Disc Golf Course was a success; they collected approximately 25 pounds of litter there and partnered with the Department of Transportation, which carried away the trash after the cleanup was concluded. Additionally, they have reached out to Sustainable Sandhills and are in the works of leading a carbon tree bank project on campus.



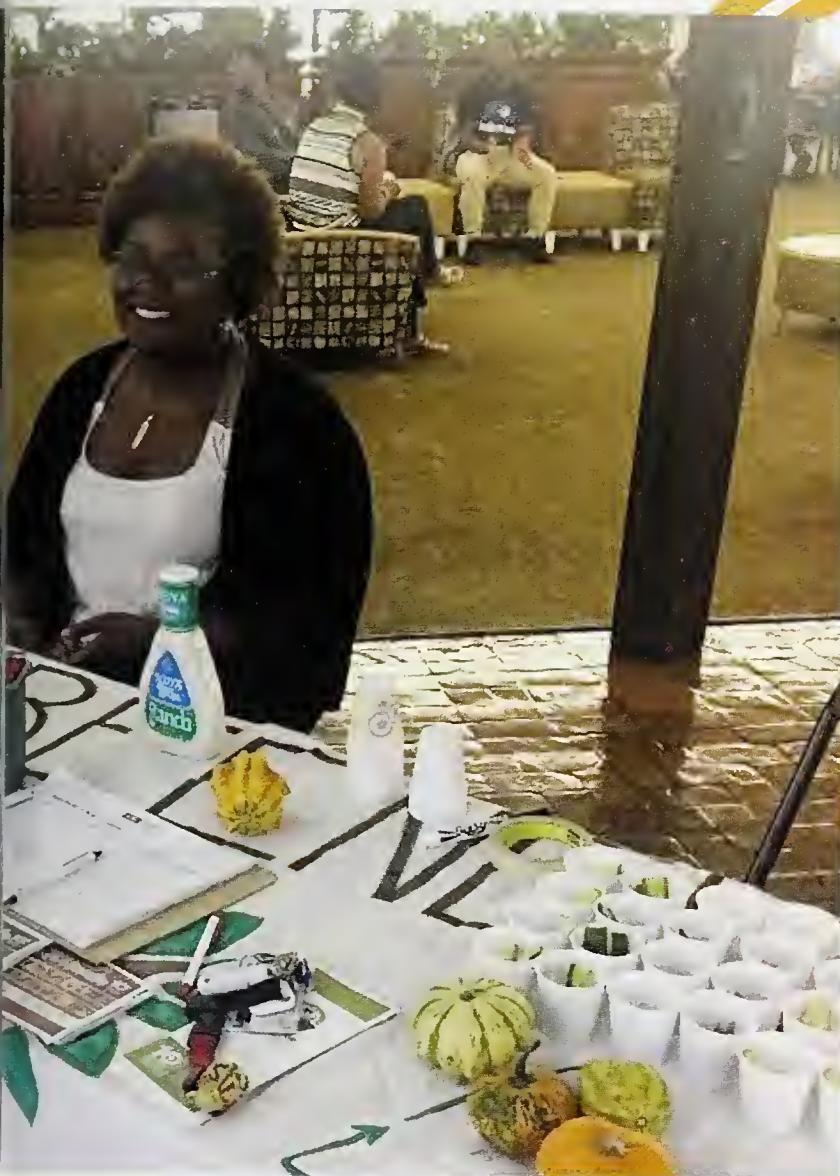
Greener Coalition

Greener Coalition Officers

President: Julia Sampson
Vice President: Tenisha Mclean
Secretary: Victoria Spencer
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Historian: Timothy Havens
Public Relations: Amodsiw Jzar
Advisors: Dr. Maria Pereira, Dr. Leon S. Jernigan, and Dr. Joseph White

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I Am Boss



I Am Boss Officers

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Graphic Designer: Alex Champ
Advisor: Robin Johnson

Instagram: Uncp_iamboss



Hip Hop Dance Team

Hip Hop Dance Team

President: Tiara Day

Co-Captain: Lucero Aguilera

Captain: Tiara Day

Design Consultant: Taylor Cummings

Advisor: Danquis McDaniel

Facebook: uncphiphop
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Healthy & Hip

The Health Careers Club is dedicated to preparing students for their future career in the health field. They offer endless advising opportunities, guest speakers, and a plethora of resources that include entrance examination books covering a wide range of topics. The organization is committed to guiding students down their unique path into the medical profession, all while providing a supportive community-based atmosphere. During each weekly meeting, guest speakers from a variety of health careers discuss the overall parameters of their profession and the requirements for admission into medical programs, as well as taking student questions. Other educational events include day/overnight trips to different universities to visit their medical programs. The club hosts a variety of fundraising events throughout the year: two carwashes and a spaghetti plate sale. They also participate in Pembroke Day. Their Annual Easter Egg hunt is another event hosted by them for members of the Robeson county community. The club is also engaged in community service from mentoring new/prospective students through their mentoring program and reading to children at Shining Stars Preschool. They believe that giving back to the community is integral to becoming a health professional.



Health Careers Club



Health Careers Club Officers

Yara Abumohsen, Aseel Abumohsen, Rawan Abumohsen, Kevin Cheek, Kyle Cheek, Linda Council, Jullienne Lim, Beni Tshipamba

Stay Active

In Motion's purpose is to bring together people with a similar interest in skating, BMX, scootering, inline skating, etc. They encourage fitness and environmentally friendly ways of transporting across campus when conditions allow.

Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in over 45,000 clubs from over 200 countries. As members of a Campus Lions Club, students are able to help determine the types of services the club will provide, based on needs of the campus and surrounding communities. Possibilities are endless and may include sponsoring drug awareness programs, helping the disabled, and participating in humanitarian projects.

The mission of the Pembroke Activities Council (PAC) is to increase campus affinity and institution inclusion one event at a time! After a very full year of programming, a Poetry Slam featuring Rudy Francisco on April 16 was their last event of Spring 2018 semester.

UNCP's campus newspaper, *The Pine Needle*, is dedicated to providing the campus and community with timely, factual news that both informs and impacts us all.



In Motion



In Motion Officers: Qiana Swan, Richard Bonds, Tyshawn Jackson, Tori Medley, Kelly Charlton

Lions Club



Lions Club Officer: Shakir Shomari



4C Officers: Shakeem Graham-Chair, Arieona Edley, Jashamanne Lemons, Naim Donaldson, Hannah Stiles, Sean Umayot

Pine Needle Officers: Marie Gaumont, Ashley Self, Briana Brookins, Jessican Horne, Josh Reed, Alex Smith, Ky'Aire Goode, Stedman Davis, Abaigeal Brown, Brendaly Vega, Mason Miller



Rugby Club



PRSSA



PRSSA Officers: Adam Peele, president; Emily Vance, vice president; Abigail Domingo, secretary; Orlando Alvarez, treasurer; Sydney Evans, historian; Demetrius Venson, PR

Representing

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is a pre-professional organization for college students interested in public relations and communications. Every Spring semester they hold their annual golf tournament. This April was their ninth annual Make Par for PR gold tournament fundraiser.

The purpose of the Student Government Association is to represent and safeguard the interests of students. It is a political organization providing students with an avenue for action on matters pertaining to student rights and welfare. All students attending UNCP automatically become members of the Student Government Association. SGA functions through its elected representatives and is subject to the general administrative authority of its sponsor, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. Every full-time student who has at least a 2.5 cumulative average (on a 4.0 system) has the privilege of seeking positions of leadership in the organization by either appointment or election.

The establishment of the Soccer Club team gave men at UNCP an opportunity to play competitive soccer now that Men's Soccer is no longer a varsity sport. Tryouts were held every semester, and the club hosted as well as traveled to other universities and colleges in the area to play matches



SGA



Soccer Club



SGA Officers: Dajer Fernandez, Omar Torres, Hunter Gilder, Alexandra Cole, Jacob Newton, Nuri Mendoza, Assata Parkins, Ashe' Pittman, Kyle Levine, Tremictrus Shaw Fairley



Soccer Club

Be Vocal

Spectrum's purpose is to encourage the acceptance of all genders and sexual orientations: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and straight; to offer a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues involving sexuality and gender; to create a more amiable atmosphere on campus; and to educate people about different sexual orientations and genders, while trying to alleviate fears and prejudices.

Vocal Harmony are the acapella group on campus. They are a diverse group of students who come together to produce great music and enjoy their love for singing. They performed at the MLK candle lighting ceremony on campus and at the Black History Month program at Union Chapel Elementary School on February 28th.

The Braves Track Club organization was founded to give students and former student-athletes an alternate route to compete at the collegiate level as well as serve as an recreational outlet to stay in shape, relieve stress, and meet new people. In this club, individuals experience what it is like to be on a team with the opportunity to travel and compete in meets all around the Southeastern United States.



Spectrum



Track Club





Vocal Harmony



Volleyball Club



Vocal Harmony Officers: Tori Medley, president; Katiaya Hill, vice president; Tiffany Bellamy, secretary; and Melissa Mojica Ruiz, treasurer



Alpha Kappa Alpha



Alpha Pi Omega



Sisterhoods

The small group of women who organized Alpha Kappa Alpha was conscious of a privileged position as college students. AKA was founded to apply that determination; however, its influence extends beyond campus quads and student interest. It has a legacy of service that deepens, rather than ends, with college graduation.

The mission of Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc., is to create a strong sisterhood that will serve as a support for college women in today's society. The sisterhood shall support its members in their individual journeys towards a balanced life.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world.

Nationally, Kappa Delta supports Prevent Child Abuse America, the Girl Scouts of the USA, the Orthopedic Research Foundation, and the Richmond Children's Hospital. Locally they support the North Carolina Chapter of PCAA, mentor Girl Scout chapters, and participate in UNCP's Day of Service.



Delta Sigma Theta



Kappa Delta



Greek Life

Omega Psi Phi were founded with the four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. There are many notable Omega Men recognized as leaders in the arts, the sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, education, government, and science sectors at the local, national and international level.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the fraternity's most valuable resource and strength and effectively embody "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity felt they were getting stronger and more valuable to our campus each and every day. They held a Bake Sale on October 30, 2017, and their annual Climbing for Victory fundraiser outside the UC in April 2018.

Zeta Tau Alpha are a philanthropy-oriented women's fraternity determined to make a difference in the Pembroke community. Their events during 2017-18 included Pinktoberfest on October 27, a flag football tournament on November 20, and the BMOC competition in the spring.



Omega Psi Phi



Phi Beta Sigma





Phi Kappa Tau



Zeta Tau Alpha



Phi Kappa Tau Officers: Brandon Taylory, president; Tucker Ridgen, vice president; Bennie Jones, treasurer; Evan Anderson, secretary; Mason Hilbert; Rashard Luke; Joe Cunningham; Cotton Dunleavy; Rainer Harding



Zeta Tau Alpha Officers: Kyra Szabo, president; Brooke Travers, Lacey Bullard, and Katye Monroe, vice presidents; Whitney Revell, treasurer; Kate Reid, secretary; Natalie Porter, Melissa Mojica Cruz, Meeghan Walder



Sports



Braves have expanded their talents beyond the classroom. Our students showcase these talents in the various sports that they participate in throughout the academic year. These talented students show their capability to work as a team while also showing hard work, determination, resilience, and entertainment to the community. Sports are a big part of our campus community because they provide a necessary outlet for our students to express themselves in a healthy way.

Braves fans were fortunate enough to continue to witness the building greatness of our newest sport, women's swimming and diving. These ladies had their very first season in the 2016-17 academic year. Our ladies continue to impress, balancing out the fact that they are a new addition to the Brave nation and giving us a couple of wins while doing so. They show that you can build upon this new addition while staying true to team work and supporting one another.

All of our athletes showcase their talents in the classroom and in their sports. They have achieved a lot this season, not only in sports but within themselves and their team. Our athletes in all sports are a great representation of the Brave nation, and we appreciate each and every one of them GO BRAVES!

STEP UP TO THE BRAVES

The 2017 baseball season produced the second-most victories in program history, as well as the second 40-win season, for the 28th-ranked Braves, who finished with 41 wins against only 17 losses. After advancing to the NCAA Southeast Regional, the Braves were eliminated when Lincoln Memorial broke open an otherwise close game with five runs in the fifth inning. The fifth-seeded UNC Pembroke baseball team had earlier advanced to the Peach Belt Conference Tournament Championship game, the second tournament championship game appearance in the last seven years for UNCP. The Braves sent their entire order to the plate in the bottom of the eighth inning to nearly rally all the way back from a six-run deficit, but third-seeded Georgia College held them off in the ninth to preserve the 6-5 win.

In postseason honors, Hayden Buffkin and Jarratt Modley were named to the D2CCA All-Southeast Region squad, and five players earned a spot on the NCBWA All-Region squad. Senior Nick Debo earned a spot on the NCAA Southeast Regional All-Tournament team and was one of just 34 NCAA Division II baseball student-athletes nationwide to receive Capital One Academic All-America recognition.



2017 Baseball: Nick Salisbury, Roberto Rivera, Alex Britt, Justin Battilo, Hayden Buffkin, Seth Hartings, Stibel Aleman Saba, Nolan Pierce, Jarratt Modley, Kyle Ramsey, River Ryan, Drew Beaver, Ethan Baucom, Nick Debo, Hank Simpson, Anthony Burke, Jesse Stinnett, Alex Minton, Kevon Perkins, Cole Lovin, Trevor Clemons, Alex Simpson, Aaron Biggerstaff, Gunner Deal, Lucas Ledford, Justin Brown, Corey Fields, Kyle Boraski, Matthew Davis, Dale Masterson, Blake Joyner, Luke Jackson, Connor Grainger, Fred Stewart, Matt Fuhr, Trace Hagler, Darius Nobles; Head Coach Paul O'Neil; Assistant Coaches Jeff Jefferson, Alex Pearce, Collins Cuthrell

2017 Baseball

	Opp.	UNCP
Shepherd	1	12
Shepherd	9	3
Shepherd	6	11
Pfeiffer	0	4
Concord	4	15
Concord	4	15
Concord	10	14
Saint Rose	0	22
Saint Rose	0	5
Saint Rose	2	16
Lenoir-Rhyne	2	5
Lake Erie	6	5
Lake Erie	3	14
Lake Erie	6	7
Catawba	15	11
Columbus State	1	2
Columbus State	12	2
Columbus State	5	3
Chowan	10	11
Chowan	1	18
Augusta	7	5
Augusta	8	9
Augusta	11	5
Georgia College	13	8
Georgia College	9	6
Georgia College	3	7
Wingate	3	7
North Georgia	6	10
North Georgia	16	10
North Georgia	4	6
Barton	3	26
Georgia Southwestern	9	8
Georgia Southwestern	5	7
Georgia Southwestern	6	8
Francis Marion	1	6
Francis Marion	7	9
Francis Marion	3	10
Wingate	1	6
Flagler	5	12
Flagler	5	11
Flagler	6	9
Barton	4	6
Coker	1	13
Coker	1	16
Coker	0	8
Coker	1	2
Lenoir-Rhyne	10	2
Armstrong State	11	14
Armstrong State	11	14
Armstrong State	6	3
Columbus State	0	5
North Georgia	5	8
Flagler	4	3
Flagler	0	5
Georgia College	6	5
Catawba	2	6
Mount Olive	4	3
Lincoln Memorial	11	6



2017 Softball

	Opp.	UNCP
Kutztown	0	4
Shippensburg	7	3
West Virginia State	1	7
Kutztown	5	4
Shippensburg	1	6
Queens	2	4
Queens	3	16
Barton	0	13
Barton	0	13
Limestone	4	3
Limestone	10	4
Elizabeth City State	0	24
Elizabeth City State	0	19
Barton	0	8
Converse	3	12
Wingate	1	2
Catawba	2	4
St. Andrews	7	8
St. Andrews	1	13
USC Aiken	3	11
USC Aiken	0	2
Lander	6	0
Lander	3	1
Newberry	2	0
Newberry	10	4
Augusta	6	3
Augusta	5	3
Georgia College	5	4
Georgia College	9	1
Coker	8	0
Coker	10	0
North Georgia	12	3
North Georgia	8	3
Young Harris	4	0
Young Harris	8	0
Armstrong State	6	2
Armstrong State	7	5
Flagler	1	0
Flagler	3	2
Fayetteville State	0	8
Fayetteville State	0	6
Francis Marion	8	7
Francis Marion	2	9
Winston-Salem State	1	6
Winston-Salem State	2	11
Columbus State	0	4
Columbus State	4	6
Georgia Southwestern	10	2
Georgia Southwestern	4	1
Chowan	5	1
Chowan	5	6
Montevallo	4	1
Montevallo	2	11



1 TEAM 1 DREAM

The softball team got off to a great start in 2017, with 17 wins against only 4 losses through March 4. Their bats were red hot as the Lady Braves set a school record for runs in a doubleheader and eased past visiting Elizabeth City State 24-0 and 19-0 on February 19. Their 24 runs in the opening game tied a single-game program record, matching a 24-6 victory over North Carolina Central on Feb. 19, 1998. They then went 4-0 at the Mid-South Classic as they faced Barton, Converse, Wingate, and Catawba on February 25- 26, followed by double-header victories against St. Andrews and USC Aiken in early March. After that, their fortunes were reversed as they went winless in their next 18 games, many of them against PBC opponents. The team was able to break out of their March funk with 8-0 and 6-0 wins over host Fayetteville State on March 29. They racked up 6 wins against 5 losses in April to finish the season at 26-27.



7 Softball: Ashleigh Mason, Kaitlynn Norton, Carleigh Brooks, Bailey Hoch, Taylor Gerhart, Abbey Walters, Haleigh Epperson, Toni Nelson, Lexie Coxe, Eden Brown, Alex Watkins, Malerie , Taylor Strickland, Rendi Wetherington, Jamie Johnson, Shelby Thomas, Jessica Auld, Erin Hollingsworth, Maddie Armfield, Head Coach Brittany Bennett, Assistant Coach Kristen Hobbs, Graduate nt Coach Brea Hartley, Graduate Assistant Coach Courtney Roberts, Volunteer Assistant Coach Neil Smith

KEEP YOUR HEAD ABOVE WATER

Swimming and Diving made a big splash in their second season, ending with 11 victories and only 6 losses. The squad set a school record in 10 of the 13 events in their season-opening meet at Columbia (S.C.), highlighted by two event wins each by freshmen Megan Hunter and Abigail to fuel the Braves to their second highest-scoring meet in program history. The women then won the second of two contests at the Barton Tri-Meet when they swam past William Peace 136-5, and they then defeated all of their opponents in their next three events. At the Greensboro Meet, they won over host Greensboro as well as Randolph, Guilford, and LaGrange. At the Ferrum Tri-Meet, the Lady Braves has two more victories, and they ended their Fall 2017 campaign with wins over Sweet Briar and Pfeiffer at the Sweet Briar Tri-Meet.

January 2018 proved more challenging, with three losses at the Converse Tri-Meet, but they bounced back to swim past both Warren Wilson and St. Andrews at the St. Andrews Tri-Meet, where UNCP won 8 of the 11 events and touched first or second in 10 races. The Braves also saw three school records fall: Megan Hunter blew past the previous 200-yard freestyle mark by over 10 seconds and also set a school record in the 500-yard freestyle, and freshman Victoria Brousseau toppled the previous UNCP record in the 100-yard breaststroke by just over a second in a second-place effort. Abbey Wood finished first in all three of her events, including a dominant performance in the 100-yard backstroke; Wood also won the 200-yard backstroke in 2:23.88 and the 100-yard butterfly in 1:07.59. The season came to an end in February with a 6th-place finish out of 8 teams at the Sun Coast Conference Meet.



2017-18 Swimming & Diving: Victoria Brousseau, Sonyaliz Goveo, Ignayara Hernandez Martinez, Megan Hunter, Priyanka Kamath, Taylor Lusk, Alexys Pagan, Karina Ramosbarbosa, Selena Rodriguez, Mary Thorn, Kelsey Williams, Abigail Wood, Head Coach Rhonda Blank, Volunteer Assistant Coach Joseph Leary



Score BOARD

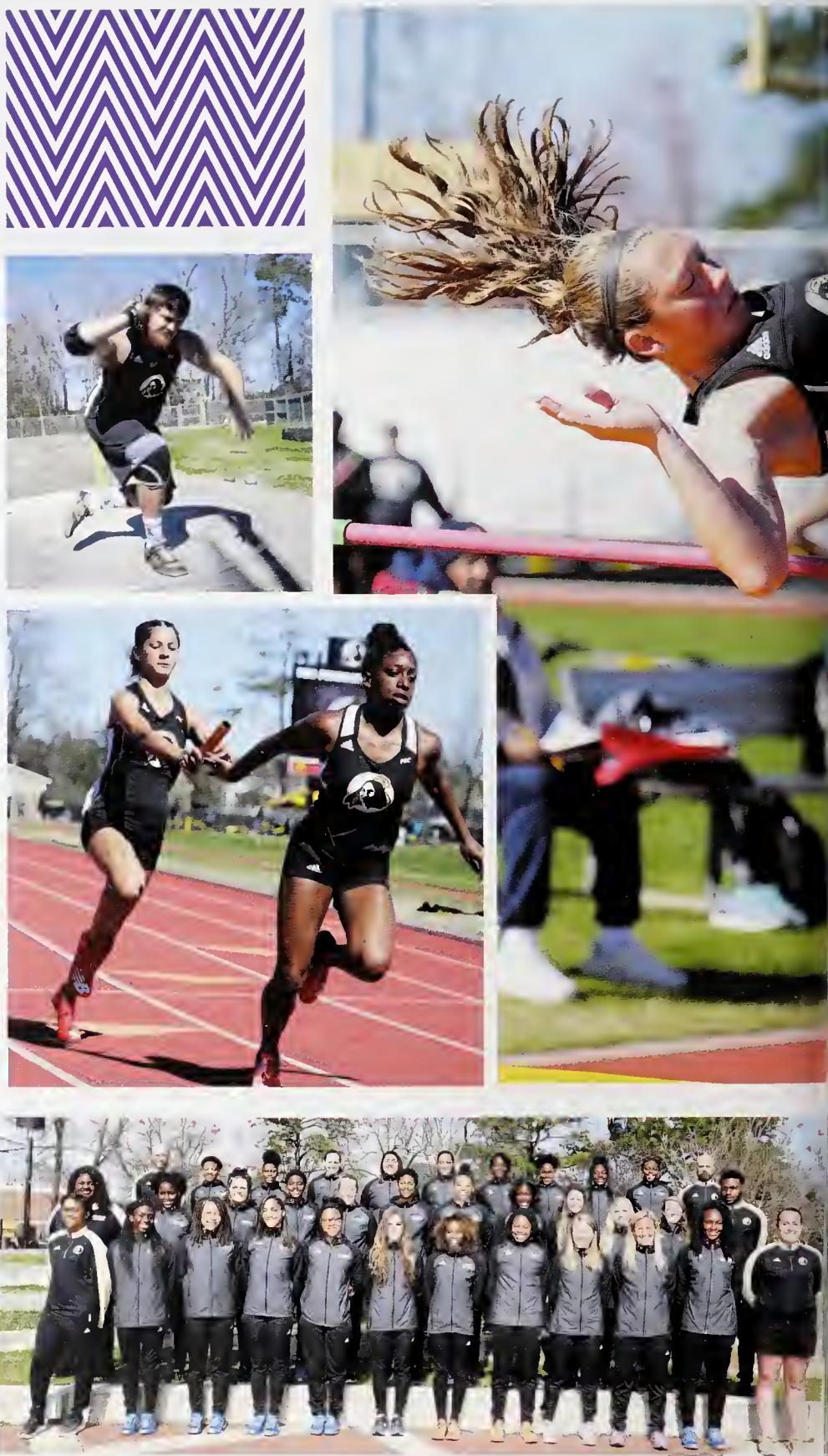
	Opp.	UNCP
2017-2018		
Swimming & Diving		
Columbia	149	83
Barton	141	49
William Peace	5	136
Greensboro	42	114
Randolph	15	140
Guilford	40	115
Lagrange	10	140
Ferrum	53	111
Greensboro	45	110
Sweet bear	65	158
Pfeiffer	112	117
Converse	105	33
Pfeiffer	62	33
Chowan	98	76
Warren Wilson	31	124
St. Andrews	43	112
Pfeiffer	120	94



Score BOARD

2017 Track & Field Men	Result
Maillet UNC Open	NTS
Wake Forest Invitational	NTS
Buccaneer Invitational	NTS
JDL College Team Challenge	3-1/Duals
Liberty Elite Invitational	NTS
Kent Taylor Invite	NTS
Braves Track Classic	1st/8
Trojan Challenge	3rd/6
Florida Div II Challenge	3rd/6
Colonial Relays	T-10th/11
Vertklasse Meeting	NTS
UNF Invite	NTS
Phoenix Invitational	NTS
PBC Conference Championships	1st/7
Wingate Invitational	NTS
Seminole Twilight	NTS
Aggie Last Chance	NTS
NCAA Nat'l Championships	NTS

Women	Result
Maillet UNC Open	NTS
Wake Forest Invitational	NTS
Buccaneer Invitational	NTS
JDL College Team Challenge	4-0/Duals
Kent Taylor Invite	NTS
Braves Track Classic	1st/9
Trojan Challenge	3rd/8
Florida Div II Challenge	2nd/7
Colonial Relays	NTS
Vertklasse Meeting	NTS
UNF Invite	NTS
Phoenix Invitational	NTS
PBC Conference Championships	2nd/8



2016-17 Women's Track & Field: X-staizha Benjamin, Deja Burks, Kristin Cain, Jeanna Cube, Kaelyn Francis, Andrea Garcia, Catherine George, Kebori Gorham, Simone Gweli, Kayla' Holman, Leanna Jacobs, Mikayla King, Olivia Lowman, Angelica McNair, Mich Reynolds, Tori Saunders, Essence Scott, Morgan Sheehan, Kelsi Sheldon, Brenna Sifford, Lea Tardanico, Lashonda Tate, Briana Taylor, Kaitlyn Thomas, Lyric Troy, Jacques Tucker, Valerie Vinokur, Jada Wallace, Erica Williams, Head Coach Peter Ormsby

RUN HARD

In Track & Field, freshman Andrea Gareia established a new school record in the weight throw and senior Lea Tardanico shattered a school record in the 1-mile run at the JDL College Team Challenge in February 2017. On the men's side, Jamel Jefcoat in the triple jump led a parade of his teammates to the podium as the Braves captured the top four spots in the event. The Braves successfully opened the outdoor portion of their 2017 schedule in March at the Braves Track Classic with 16 event titles and 13 runner-up finishes. Five different student-athletes captured event titles on the women's side, and the men saw nine student-athletes capture event titles. Later in March, Kory Jones took top honors in both the high jump and long jump at the Florida Division II Challenge, while Briana Taylor (400m dash), Kaelyn Franeis (100m dash) and Morgan Sheehan (javelin) all won event titles for the women's team. The men held off Nova Southeastern to capture their first Peach Belt Conference title in program history in April; the women came away with a second place showing. Silus Kipkoech was decorated with both PBC Men's Track Athlete of the Year and PBC Men's Freshman Track Athlete of the Year recognition. Jeanna Cube was decorated with PBC Women's Field Athlete of the Year honors, while Kelsi Sheldon was named the PBC's Women's Freshman Field Athlete of the Year. Michael

Zimmerman and Catherine George were named to the league's All-Sportsmanship Team. In May, sophomore Christian Ceccato ran to a 17th place finish in the 110-meter hurdles at the 2017 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field. Ceccato was the seventh UNCP student-athlete in the last nine years selected to participate in NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field's premier event, and the first representative selected to compete in a hurdles event in 34 years.



16-17 Men's Track & Field: Micah Baldwin, Marcus Booth, Kevin Boyd, Christian Ceccato, Marcus Cooper, Morgan Coppage, Kellen Corson, Mason Crawford, Ryan Ferner, Dominic Foy, Brett Gwin, Javen Graham, Bradley Gurrola, Curtis Haynie, Jamel Jefcoat, Kory Jones, Silus Kipkoech, Jonathan Kistner, Juwan Manley, Jonathan Martin, Matthew Martin, Steven Miller, Nate Nash, Sammy Nelson, Monte Norman, Wilson Pearson, Dillon Perry, Nathan Pollard, Michael Powell, Quincy Ridley, Wayne Robertson III, A.J. Sayers-O'Neill, Todzah Small, Nathaniel Stainback, Scott Stewart, Andrew Tedder, Keyshawn Logan Ward, Elijah Woods, Juwan Wrenn, Michael Zimmerman, Head Coach Peter Ormsby

Score BOARD

2017 Football	Opp.	UNCP
Winston-Salem State	34	31
Elizabeth City State	14	66
Catawba	41	9
Tusculum	31	10
Newberry	28	6
Wingate	31	28
Concord	31	22
Lenoir-Rhyne	10	14
Mars Hill	56	44
Carson-Newman	45	10



2017 Football: Nathan London, Octavis McLaurin, Bryan McAllister, Alpha Lamin, Domenique Davis, Tyler Hinton, Khalil Vance, Adonai Aloma, D.J. Harris, Max Robinson, Kemai Parker, Ronald Porter, Quay Threat, Aaron Whitaker, JoJo Grant, Marcus McDonald, James Posey, Jalon Nixon, Tamsir Seck, Taye Vereen, Rance Brewington, Cameron Callaway, Holden Hales, Tyrese King, Gage Baldwin, Dylan Best, Nick Golden, Ojuamek McDaniels, Craig Strickland, Jared Johnson, Derek Berrier, Timon McMillan, Alex McLean, Jay Guill, Christopher Powlen, Cameron Hodges, Nick Anderson, Stephen Forbes, Ryan Watkins, Cyrus Stanback, Alex Richardson, Sawyer, Demetrius Wirt, Ben Jaramillo, Devin Higgins, Lucas Brim, Donovan Wirt, Albert Wright, Tajai Liles, Jodie Savage, Michael Aaron, Christopher Ploch, Eric Price, Robert Beacham, Tyzaiah Eller, Cameron Williams, Donovan Hayes, Cole Daniels, Dock Corpener III, Dylan Hodges, Josh Manns, Josh Sheridan, Elias Crawford, Nevante Gamble, Bikembe Kearney, Amari Brice-Greene, Colton Weeks, Tyriek Ramseur, Cam Caldron, James Martin, Justin Davis, Jordan Howard, Shawn Everett, Travis Prince, Tyion Wright, Yavel Morris, Miles Grant, Brian Staton, Jo Leake, Aaron Jolly, Tre'von Gibson, Devin Jones, Michael Clark, Jacob Scott, Tyshawn Carter, Shammond Hicks, Joshua Dale, Auston Foley, Quadrin Williams, Connor Stough, Nate Williams, Alex Alvarado, Dominick Samson, Isaac Parks, E.J. Williams, Shawn Andrew, Corey West, JoJo Spann, Luke Brooks, Barry Built Sergio Gibson, Dawson Harris, Dante James, Darnell Johnson, Bryson Jumper, Jayson McDonald, Emarri Preddy, Robert Rapp III, Sam Vines, Tyrique Wright, Head Coach Shane Richardson

FOOTBALL BRAVES

Starting 2017 ranked 19th by the American Football Coaches Association, the Braves had high hopes when they hosted their regional nemesis Winston-Salem State at Grace P. Johnson Stadium for the opening of the season on August 31. The Braves were down 0-20 at halftime, but they gained strength in the second half and nearly came back for the win. With only a 3-point difference, the 31-34 loss broke a 10 home game win streak for the Braves. On September 9, UNCP went on the road to play Elizabeth City State, and the Braves definitely brought their A game. They won over the home team, marking the Braves' third-straight regular season road victory. The team gathered up a total of 442 yards of total offense and scored 31 points off ECSU turnovers. Donovan Wirt had a team best of three sacks, while Khalil Vance also picked up a pair himself. Alpha Lamin and Bikembe Kearney both scored touchdowns on defense for UNCP. At the end of the first half, UNCP led ECSU 38-14 and would come back to the field to hold them scoreless in the second half for a 66-14 win.

This victory was followed by five losses, but when Lenoir Rhyne visited Pembroke for the fourth home game of the season, Braves fans were rewarded with a win to finish out an exciting Homecoming week for UNCP; the football team showed their love for their school by scoring a 14-10 vistory. This win helped the Braves improve to a 9-2 in homecoming contests, and a 9-2 in regular season home finales. Grant ran his second career 100 yards and scored a touchdown, and Bikembe Kearney recorded a career best 10 tackles (3 solo) in the game that night. The season ended with two more losses at Mars Hill and Carson-Newman, for a disappointing 2-8 record overall.



Score BOARD

2017
Women's Soccer

	Opp.	UNCP
Limestone	1	10
Coker	0	4
Anderson	0	1
Belmont Abbey	2	1
Clayton State	0	1
Columbus State	2	1
Georgia College	0	1
Georgia Southwestern	0	3
Converse	1	5
Francis Marion	0	1
Flagler	2	2
Lenoir-Rhyne	0	2
Lees-McRae	0	1
Lander	0	1
North Georgia	2	1
USC Aiken	1	2
Young Harris	0	1
Georgia College	0	1
North Georgia	0	1
Columbus State	0	1
Queens (N.C.)	1	0



KICKIN' IT

With what started out to be a back and forth season, the Lady Braves finished strong with an overall record of 15-5-1. With determination, strategy, and perseverance, the team not only won most of their conference games, but was presented their first Team Sportsmanship award after winning the 2017 PBC Tournament. After their 1-2 loss at Columbus State on September 23rd, the team advanced to win the next 7 games, with one 2-2 tie against Flagler. The team followed their next loss at North Georgia almost one month later on October 21st with winning against their next 5 opponents. After playing Columbus State again on November 5th, the team was able to redeem themselves with a 1-0 win.

For the fourth consecutive year, Jasmine Scenecal-Guzman was named in the United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region while sophomore goal keeper Gina Ryan

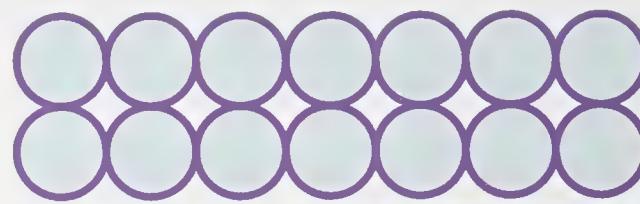
was listed as #1 on the Peach Belt Conference's website for most goals against, highest-goals against, and highest saves percentage. This marks the 11th time in the last 15 seasons that at least one Brave has been mentioned within a United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region selection, especially in the last four seasons. UNCP has now sent 23 players to the all-region teams since 2003.



17 Soccer: Courtney Almon, Gina Ryan, Katie Watkins, Alexis Pittman, Rilee Seering, Courtney Boger, Kimsey Collins, Kate Weisner, Carly Rochelle, Shannon O'Neill, Alexis Hurd, Christine Rolfe, Jasmine Scenecal-Guzman, Katy Ryan, Jillian Robson, Haley Stewart, Stacey Scott, Kristina Stevenson, Head Coach Lars Andersson, Assistant Coach Brittany Padilla

2017 Cross Country

Women	Result
Elon Opener	10th/12
Queens Twilight	2nd/6
Trevecca Div II Showcase	11th/17
Royals Challenge	NTS
FSU Invitational	5th/15
PBC Conference Championships	5th/11
SE Region Championships	9th/23



Men	Result
Elon Opener	5th/10
Queens Twilight	2nd/6
Trevecca Div II Showcase	4th/16
Royals Challenge	17th/22
FSU Invitational	1st/10
PBC Conference Championships	2nd/8
SE Region Championships	7th/23
NCAA Nat'l Championships	NTS



Score BOARDS

2017-18 Golf

	Result
Battle at Old South	8th/18
Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate	7th/17
LeeAnn Noble Memorial	11th/16
Flagler Fall Slam	11th/18
Barton Invite at Kiawah	6th/16
Lady Moc Golf Classic	8th/17
Peggy Kirk Bell Invite	T-7th/18
Sunoco Campbell Oil Classic	2nd/11
Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate	10th/16
PBC Conference Championships	2nd/5



2017 Men's Cross Country: Kellen Corson, Curtis Haynie, Silus Kipkoech, Jonathan Martin, Matthew Martin, Nate Nash, Holden Newman, Ean Ormsby, Nathan Pollard, A.J. Sayers-O'Neill, Logan Ward, Head Coach Peter Ormsby, Associate Head Coach Patrick Heckroth

TEE TIME



The Men's and Women's Cross-Country teams worked hard in their first few events and it paid off, with the men's team in 4th place in the southeast region ranking by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Associations, while, the women's team were able to retain their spot in the top 10. On September 9, Women's and Men's Cross Country had their first event against Elon Opener. There were a few runners on each team who stood out at the event and really gave it their all. Silus Kipkochch, a freshman, practically broke the 19-minute plateau in the 6K run in his collegiate debut on the way to a 10th place showing on the individual leaderboard to assist in leading the men's team to fifth place. He timed at 19:01 in the event and was the first non-NCAA Division I competitor to cross the finish line. Molly McCann was a crucial component in the success of the women's team. She had a time of 16:22 in the 4K run placing the Braves to a 10th place finish at the NCAA Division I-laden event. Logan Ward timed at 19:46 and finished in 24th place. Matthew timed at 20:00 and finished in 28th place and his brother Jonathan Martin timed at 20:02 and finished in 30th place. Curtis Haynie concluded the scoring for the men with a time of 20:44 placing him in 45th place. Cory Pethers and Kristen Cain both crossed at 16:59 and received 61st place.

In Golf, senior Savannah Thompson carded her lowest round of the 2017-18 season to fuel a season-best, second-place finish at the Sunoco Campbell Oil Classic in March. The Braves saw all four scoring players go under 80 to compile a team total of 304. Thompson jumped seven spots into a tie for 13th by carding a final-round 74. Freshman Maddy Corley continued her string of consistency with her fifth top-20 finish of the season, placing fourth in the 60-player field. Alexandria Bare logged her first top-10 of the season, as a final-round 77 slotted her solo 10th. In April, UNCP was overtaken by Flagler for the team title, but the Braves recorded their best team finish at the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Championship since a victory in the 2014 edition of the tournament. After leading at the conclusion of rounds one and two, the Braves

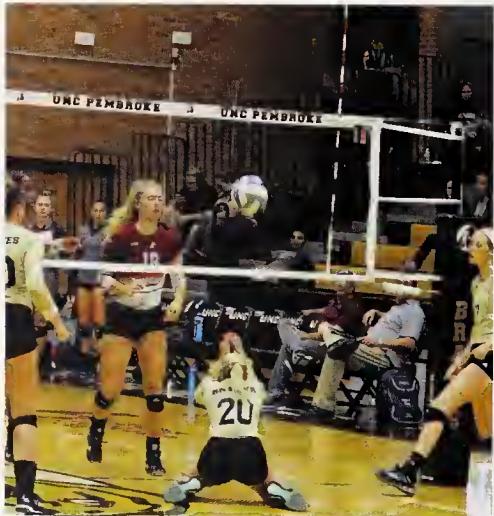
slipped into second with a final-round 327. Competing in her first PBC Championship, PBC Freshman of the Year Maddy Corley fell into a tie for second with a final-round 83. Junior Alexandria Bare leapt five spots into a share of second and was one of only seven players to card a round in the 70s on Sunday with a 79. Sophomore Megan Munroe finished solo fifth, and senior Savannah Thompson grabbed 12th. Corley, Bare, and Munroe were all named to the all-tournament team due to finishing among the top five individuals.



17-18 Golf: Alexandria Bare, Casey Burroughs, Maddy Corley, Samantha DeBusk, Katy Flax, Meredith Godwin, Susannah Ireland, Linda Levy, Alaina Malcolm, Megan Munroe, Savannah Thompson, Head Coach David Synan, Assistant Coach Todd Gleaton

Score BOARD

2017-2018 Volleyball	Opp.	UNCP
Newberry	3	0
Southern Wesleyan	3	0
Coker	3	0
North Greenville	3	0
Converse	2	3
Shaw	3	1
Belmont Abbey	3	1
Chowan	2	3
Lander	3	0
Augusta	3	1
USC Aiken	3	0
Georgia College	3	0
Hiwassee	0	3
Emmanuel	3	0
Fayetteville State	3	0
Mount Olive	3	2
Francis Marion	3	0
Claflin	1	3
Flagler	3	0
Coker	3	1
Wingate	3	0
St. Andrews	3	1
Augusta	3	1
Lander	3	0
USC Aiken	3	0
Georgia College	3	0
Barton	3	2
Francis Marion	3	0
Virginia State	0	3
St. Andrews	2	3
Winston-Salem State	1	3
Flagler	3	0
USC Aiken	3	1





YOU GOT SERVED

There were some bright spots in volleyball's 7-26 season, including their first appearance in the PBC Tournament since 2013. The Lady Braves racked up double-digit kills in a thrilling, five-set win over Converse to give the squad its first victory of the season before they dropped a four-set affair to Shaw despite double-doubles from Bailee Jones and Miranda Cada. Madelyn Ashwell almost doubled her career high in digs and Tyler Fitzpatrick racked up a season-high in kills as the Lady Braves won their second five-set match of the season in a duel with Chowan. The team

generated two of its top three hitting performances as they dropped a tight Peach Belt Conference match to Georgia College before overwhelming Hiwassee in a three-set triumph. Sophomore Makaylah Elliott unleashed double-digit kills for the fifth time this season and hit at least .450 for the third time to fuel the squad to its second home victory with a four-set defeat of Claflin. Four UNCP players logged double-digit kills to power the Lady Braves to a .230 hitting percentage and their third straight victory in a straight-sets win over host Winston-Salem State, their final win of the season before losing to Flager on Senior Night. Senior Cayce Bell, who was honored prior to that match, logged six digs and three assists in her final home match for the Lady Braves.



2017 Volleyball: Makaylah Elliott, Abby Farr, Casey O'Quinn, Savannah Bean, Kiara Price, Anna Heinz, April Tankersley, Miranda Cada, Tyler Fitzpatrick, Bailee Jones, Amari Tyndall, Aquia Voyer, Cayce Bell, Kaila Crowder, Madelyn Ashwell, Elly Hicks, Head Coach Ellen McGill, Assistant Coach Katie Rueffer

ONE MORE TIME

Men's basketball matched a program record with 27 wins in 2017-18, against only 6 losses, on their way to their second straight Peach Belt Conference championship. In the final game of the regular season, senior Nigel Grant scored a game-high 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting and the team laid claim to the Peach Belt Conference regular season championship for the second straight year with a 78-67 victory over Flagler. It was the 22nd victory in the last 24 home games for the Braves, who finished out the regular season with a 14-1 record in Pembroke, including a 9-1 mark against league competition.

The second-seeded Braves then advanced to the finals of the PBC Tournament and claimed their second-straight championship with a 70-60 win over top-seeded Clayton State. The Braves became the fourth team in league history to claim back-to-back PBC Tournament crowns and just the second program to win both the regular season and tournament crowns in consecutive seasons. PBC Tournament MVP Nigel Grant scored 18 of his game-high 26 points in the first half, while fellow all-tournament team selection Akia Pruitt contributed 17 points, seven boards and one block to the cause.

Coining off their PBC Tournament triumph, the Braves also earned the second NCAA Division II Southeast Region tournament victory in program history, defeating Francis Marion, before losing to Queens in the semifinal round. Senior Brandon Watts scored a game-high 22 points against Queens and ended his UNCP career as the program's all-time winningest player with 92 victories. After the game, coach Ben Miller said, "When the dust settles, we'll look back and celebrate the season and the history those seniors and this team made."



2017-18 Men's Basketball: Brandon Watts, Micah Kinsey, David Strother, Cam Hamilton, Akia Pruitt, Nigel Grant, Tyrell Kirk, Jamal Bryant, Carson Mounce, Andrew Evans, Desmond Williams, James Murray-Boyles, Giavonni Mack, Bryson Hall, Jayvian Hicks, Shaun Kirk, Head Coach Ben Miller, Associate Head Coach Drew Richards, Assistant Coach Tony Jones, Volunteer Assistant Coach Eldon Miller, Graduate Assistant Coach Kalen Eddings, Student Manager Tyler Oxendine, Student Manager Rodolfo Sandoval



Score BOARD

	2017-2018 Men's Basketball	Opp.	UNC
Lenoir-Rhyne	57	62	
Catawba	67	91	
Wingate	71	68	
Barton	88	94	
Mount Olive	72	90	
Young Harris	71	80	
Barton	85	89	
Columbus State	70	67	
Georgia Southwestern	71	83	
North Georgia	74	80	
Lander	78	81	
Georgia College	75	82	
Augusta	62	68	
Columbus State	69	73	
Georgia Southwestern	57	78	
USC Aiken	87	93	
Clayton State	65	85	
Francis Marion	90	83	
Flagler	65	92	
Lander	77	87	
Georgia College	58	75	
Augusta	81	95	
Young Harris	61	70	
North Georgia	68	101	
USC Aiken	74	86	
Clayton State	83	73	
Francis Marion	60	66	
Flagler	67	78	
Georgia Southwestern	54	70	
Francis Marion	75	94	
Clayton State	60	70	
Francis Marion	72	75	
Queens	72	63	



Score BOARD

2017-2018 Women's Basketball		
	Opp.	UNC P
Fayetteville State	65	72
Mount Olive	74	88
Wingate	73	56
Young Harris	61	59
Lenoir-Rhyne	67	51
Columbus State	99	79
Georgia Southwestern	60	71
North Georgia	63	50
Lander	75	54
Georgia College	66	65
Augusta	59	61
Columbus State	64	51
Georgia Southwestern	60	73
USC Aiken	54	60
Clayton State	71	69
Francis Marion	82	63
Flagler	54	71
Lander	83	69
Georgia College	75	70
Augusta	76	70
Young Harris	50	69
North Georgia	70	57
USC Aiken	49	58
Clayton State	47	53
Francis Marion	65	50
Flagler	65	53
North Georgia	58	49





HOOP-LA!

Women's Basketball got off to a promising start with a 72-65 win against Fayetteville State at home, but the Lady Braves faced challenges later in the season, ending with 10 wins against 17 losses. Their final home win came on Valentine's Day, when the team held visiting USC Aiken to a paltry 34.4 percent shooting effort in a 58-49 victory. Nyla Allen scored a game-high 13 points and pulled down a trio of rebounds. Alecia Hardy added 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting, while also adding five boards, and Melanie Horne came off the bench to turn in nine points and a team-best six rebounds.

The Lady Braves followed with a 53-47 win at Clayton State before dropping their final two games of the regular season, including a 53-65 loss to visiting Flager in the regular-season finale. The four UNC Pembroke women's basketball seniors combined for almost 70 percent of the team's points in their final regular-season game. Seniors Kacey Drayton and Nyla Allen each scored 13 points to lead the Black & Gold. Drayton's scoring output is a career high, while Allen grabbed 13 rebounds as well for her seventh double-double of the season. Senior Ebone Stevens tacked on eight points, and classmate Brandi Robinson scored two points and hauled in four rebounds for UNCP. The women closed out their season with their second-consecutive appearance the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Tournament, falling to the No. 1 seed, 24th-ranked North Georgia, in the opening round.



17-18 Women's Basketball: Ebone Stevens, Kasey Drayton, Jillian Ebron, Brianna Baham, Treycie Ford, Nyla Allen, Alecia Hardy, Tee Graham, Avery Locklear, Brandi Robinson, Melanie Horne, Ieshia Aliyah Farmer, Stephanie Johnson, Se'Dasia Love, Head Coach John Haskins, Assistant Coach Kendra Samuels-Eaton, Graduate Assistant Coach Donald Bohannon, Graduate Assistant Coach Ty Wallace

BRAVES PIN THE WIN

The UNC Pembroke wrestling team picked up its first victory of the season with a 27-10 triumph over 18th-ranked (NAIA) Reinhardt. Joey DiMartino recorded a pair of victories, first with an 8-6 decision over Reinhardt's Michael Carew, and then with a forfeit victory in the matchup with Utah Valley. UNCP picked up wins from seven different wrestlers in the win over the Eagles, including bonus-point victories by Nick Daggett, Tyler Makosy and Bryce Walker. Eric Joyner's convincing 11-4 victory at 157 pounds marked the first of four straight victories for UNC Pembroke as the Braves offset an early deficit on the team scoreboard to turn back Bellarmine, 25-18, and cap their stay at the Newberry Duals. In their last home match, the wrestling team tacked up clutch bonus-point victories in three straight matches, including Faris Teia's major decision at 184 pounds that clinched the final outcome, and the Braves took sole possession of first place in the ECAC standings with a 23-14 victory over 14th-ranked Newberry.

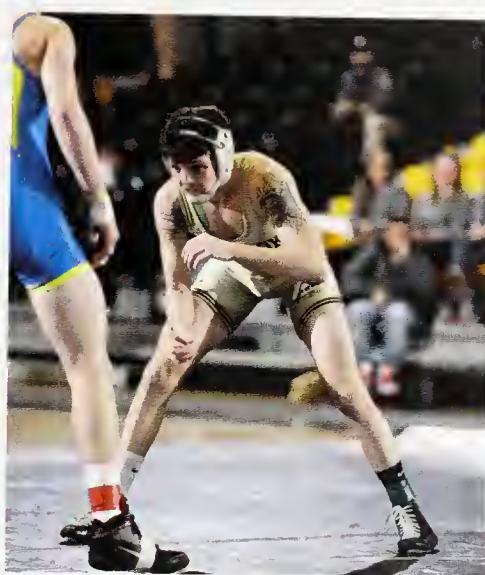


2017-18 Wrestling: Joseph Ballantyne, Cory Brown, Andrew Colborn, Nick Daggett, Adrian Davenport, Joey DiMartino, Darian Edwards, Matt Engel, Houston Hayden, Ethan Hnasko, Eric Joyner, Chris Kelly, Ju Leak, Tyler Makosy, Luke McDonough, Jayquon McEntyre, Eric Milks, Marcus Montgomery, Joey Perez, Michael Perez, Sammy Peticos, Danielle Sanders, Shawn Scribner, Rodney Shepard, Brandon Sloop, Dustin Smith, Ca Smith, Faris Teia, Brysen Thorpe, Ernesto Valentin, Bryce Walker, Josh Watts, Head Coach Othello "O.T." Johnson, Assistant Coach Blaze Shade, Assistant Coach Juan Stimpson

Score BOARD

2017-2018
Wrestling

	Opp.	UNCP
NC State	48	0
Reinhardt	10	27
Utah Valley	36	9
St. Cloud State	44	3
Life	40	8
Bellarmine	18	25
Belmont Abbey	31	11
LIU Post	20	18
American International	7	46
Clarion	32	6
Spartanburg Methodist	9	42
Queens	9	34
Limestone	11	22
Seton Hill	23	20
Millersville	23	13
Shippensburg	14	32
Kutztown	22	14
East Stroudsburg	6	35
Emmanuel	9	37
Coker	12	33
Newberry	14	23
King	12	35



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

Braves fans had a lot to cheer about during 2017-2018, and it wasn't just the teams that provided the spirit. The Spirit of the Carolinas marching band and drill team entertained with performances at half time during home football games and at other events throughout the year. The Spirit Squad members also performed at many campus events and, of course, they were on the sidelines for football and basketball games. Their members joined with some of the musicians in the band to welcome the men's basketball team back to campus after their victory in the PBC Tournament. The school mascot showed up at games, pep rallies, Pembroke Day, and other events. He even donned a pink shirt to support the Lady Braves golfers at the Sunoco Campbell Oil Classic, which was hosted by UNCP. All of them helped us keep alive our school spirit. Go Braves!





2017-18 Spirit Squad: Tiera Benjamin, Laurel Brewington, Chautina Clark, Essence Coston, Jessica Cross, Jacorey Davis, Ananyah Edwards, Chenoa Emanuel, Ariel Farrington, Alyx Goodwin, Chelsea Graham, Bianca Hernandez, Camille Hooker, Leia House, Nyjah Ingram, Sydney Jackson, Priyanka Kamath, Lyndsey Locklear, Dafne Lopez-Baez, Madison Love, Ashlynn McGhee, Taylor Moore, Destiny Payer, Zakoria Ray, Tosha Ruffin, Tori Strickland, Jasmine Tate, Asia Wallace-Barthell, Denisha Watkins



Academics

It's about more than classes, but that is the ultimate goal. Get the grades for the degrees, right? In college, the courses are designed to give students a more hands-on approach. The professors here work extra hard to make sure that each student gets the learning style that works best for them. Office hours help them set time aside for questions or needed one-on-one time that builds relationships in and out of the classroom.

In every department, there are service-learning and in-field classes that further develop the knowledge of the subjects. Biology and science classes often take their students outside to study plants, earth, or weather patterns.

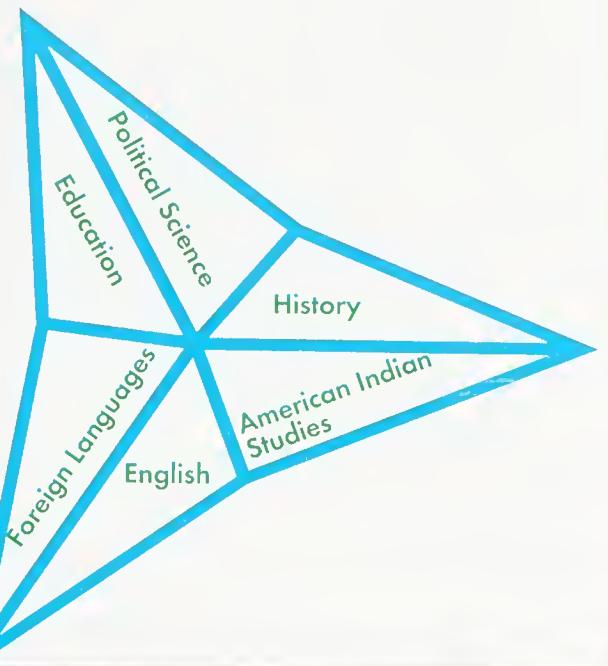
This year, classes in Mass Communication, Foreign Languages, and others went on study abroad trips. Learning about the culture while experiencing it is the best way to learn. Hanging out with your friends, colleagues, and co-workers, collaborating on projects that are enriching as well as fun, is what UNCP is about.



LIBERAL ARTS

On November 9, 2017, **American Indian Studies** sponsored the ninth annual Honoring Native Foodways event to celebrate Native American Heritage Month by helping students, faculty and staff honor, understand, and sample foods indigenous to the Americas, emphasizing healthy foods that have been part of traditional Indigenous diets for centuries. Eight Elementary **Education** majors traveled to Belize in Spring 2017 as part of a Belize International Study opportunity; the UNCP students created and shared bilingual, tiered lessons with Belizean teachers. Faculty members Karen Granger and Kelly Ficklin accompanied the students on the trip, which coincided with a course focused on differentiation of instruction. While in Belize, the students explored natural sites, cultural sites, music, art and history. Katie Deitrick, who graduated in May, returned to Belize and accepted a teaching position at the Island Academy. In **English**, University Writing Center peer tutors Jordan Williams, Erin Duprey, Amber Hester, Andrew Strickland, and Yuri Moore attended the NC Tutor Day on September 30th, along with UWC Director Brandy Brown. And inspired by the September 2017 production of Romeo and Juliet at the GPAC, the students in Sara Oswald's British Literature before 1790 class staged their own readings of selected scenes from the play in the Dial A-V Theater on October 26. In **Foreign Languages**, Keily Ramirez and Dominique Perez presented papers at the 26th National Conference of the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies in Dallas, TX this February, accompanied by professors Enrique Porrua and Diana Lee. And Zelma López and Salvador García, the president and vice president of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, invited CSU-San Bernadino's Acto Latino Theater Group to perform at the Annual Hispanic Fall Festival; over 150 people attended the performance. López and García then founded a UNCP chapter of Acto Latino and traveled to California this spring to present their work. The **History** and Music Departments joined together to present Song and Stories: From Civil War to Civil Rights at the GPAC on February 27. A slideshow of period photographs, interspersed with audio and video clips, accompanied the concert. The finale featured the Pembroke Elementary School Choir. The **Political Science** Department engaged students in organizations such as the Model United Nations club and class, as well as in research to expand knowledge of public affairs.







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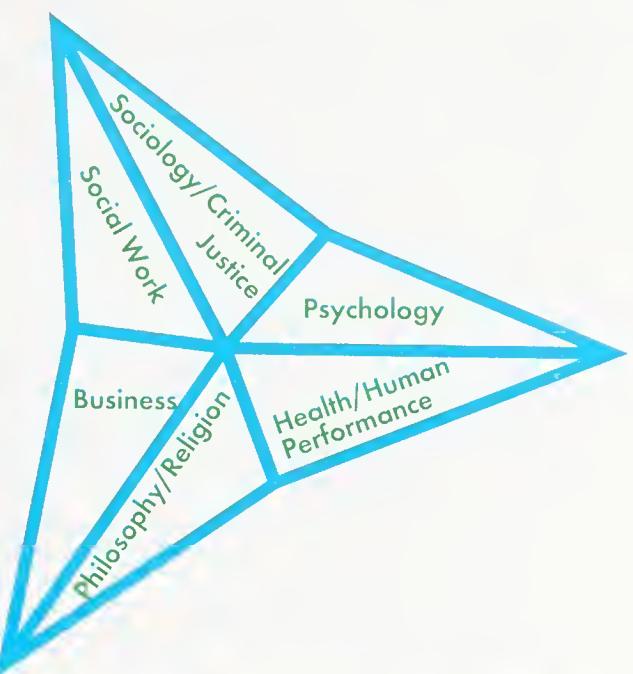
Senior **Biology** major Cassandra Barlagia was recognized at the national Alpha Chi Convention in Oregon April 5-7, 2018. Barlagia was awarded the Blake and Trish Janutola Prize in Organismal and Ecological Biology for her presentation titled, "Discovering the Microbial Diversity of the Lumber River." In **Chemistry and Physics**, a group of UNC Pembroke physics students were among teams from 22 universities nationwide competing in a NASA-sponsored high-powered rocket competition. Ten undergraduate students traveled to Wisconsin in April to compete in the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium's First Nations Launch. Seniors Killian McDanald and Chase Curt were chosen as team leaders. The other team members were Sandra Huneycutt, Mariam Gerges, Dana Lambertan, Seth McDanald, James Barstrom, Jamal Cromartie, Andrew Stephens, Bradley Patterson, Zach Miller, Omar Torres, and Jazmin Pet. "They are all excited," said the team's advisor, Dr. Jase D'Arruda, a UNCP physics professor who retired at the end of the Spring 2018 semester. The Department of **Geology and Geography** focuses on the investigation and understanding of the physical and human environments of the Earth. Students have many opportunities for experiences outside the classroom, including field trips and participation in the Geography Bowl. The **Mathematics and Computer Science** Department offered majors in mathematics and in computer science and provided service courses for other program areas. The **Nursing** program was committed to teaching, research, and community service that contribute to the cultural, intellectual, and social development of professional nurses in North Carolina and the nation. UNCP **RISE** (Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement) is a National Institute of General Medical Sciences funded program with the goal of preparing undergraduate students from underrepresented groups to be the research scientists of the future and supporting an atmosphere conducive to undergraduate research in the sciences at UNCP. Students work with faculty mentors and have many opportunities for research, some of which was shared in on-campus poster presentations.

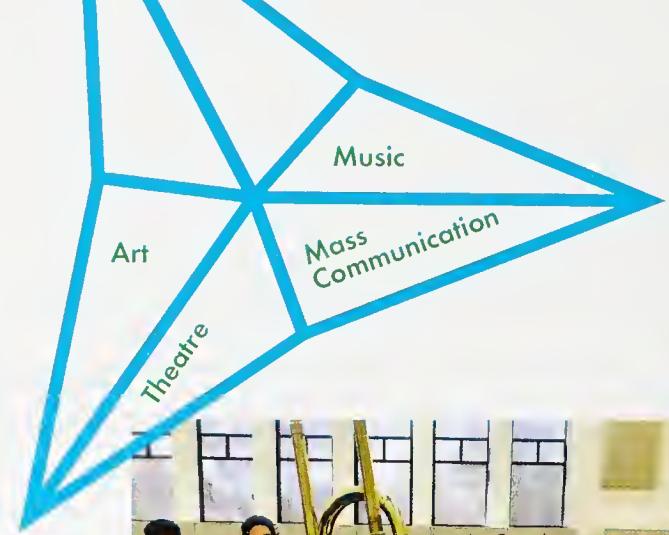


SOCIAL NETWORK

The **School of Business** has been granted extension of accreditation of its undergraduate and graduate business programs. UNCP offers a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Management, or Marketing and a bachelor of science in Accounting. According to the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), UNCP's School of Business was among 40 business schools that met the criteria for re-accreditation. In **Health and Human Performance**, UNCP's athletic training students earned a 100 percent pass rate on the national Board of Certification exam for the fourth consecutive year. "We are so proud of how hard our students have worked throughout the program and we are excited that they have been successful in passing the BOC exam," said Susan Edkins, Athletics Training Program director. Established in 2004, the Athletic Training Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Students work with UNCP's athletic teams as well as the county high schools and local physicians' offices. In Spring 2017, about forty students and four faculty members from the Department of **Philosophy and Religion** went together on a field trip to visit places of worship in Fayetteville, NC. The first stop was at Masjid Omar Ibn Sayyid, a mosque that serves mostly African-American Muslims in the Fayetteville area. They attended the Jumu'ah, the congregational Friday prayer, and spoke with Imam Bobby Ahmed, the spiritual leader, about the Islamic value of civility. At Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, they were welcomed by Father Alexander, who spoke about the history of the Greek Orthodox Church and explained the meanings of the icons on the walls of the church. After a short stop for dinner, they visited the Hindu Bhavan Temple; they learned about the inclusive values of Hinduism, and they later attended a Puja, a ritual service. They ended up at Jewish Beth Israel Congregation to participate in Kabalat Shabbat, the Friday evening services welcoming the Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest. The **Psychology Department** fosters understanding of the basic patterns of thought, emotion, and behavior through a variety of scientific methods, including interviews, case studies, field observations, neurophysiological recordings, and controlled experimentation. On March 23, 2018, students and faculty from **Social Work** participated in the Social Work Symposium, an annual event on campus set aside to recognize community and regional partners that collaborate with our students and professionals in training, education and internship opportunities. The Department of **Sociology and Criminal Justice** provides students with classroom and real-life experiences designed to stimulate critical thought about the social environment. The department places emphasis on applied sociology and criminal justice. Many courses allow students to test classroom learning through experience in the community.





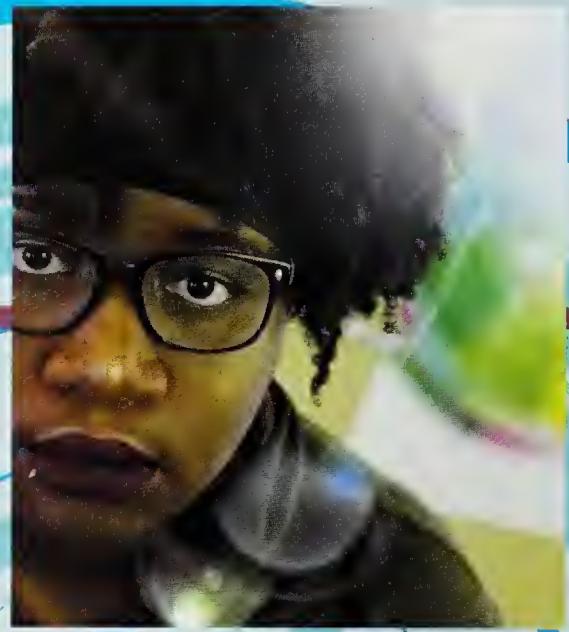


EXPRESSION

"The Rise," featuring artwork by six senior Art majors, was on display at the A.D. Gallery March 17-22. The exhibit's theme revolves around the modern day stigmatizations and struggles among young individuals such as mental and physical disabilities and the search for one's identity. Emily Nick used a mix of 2-D and 3-D materials to create her pieces, focusing on the use of ceramic clay and acrylic paints. Ashley Nardquist focused on traditionally 2-D media that involves a specific multi-layer process and acrylic paintings. Angel Crespo created unique sculptural pieces through sculpting a variety of material including authentic animal skulls. Jaekwan Parker combined the use of real people in his everyday life with original characters that he's created and combined them with high contrast in colors. Bonaventure Ogbaga used digital and traditional media to connect back to his theme of self-identity. Aaron Baldwin used digital painting to create his original characters. The Department of **Mass Communication** offered tracks in Broadcasting, Journalism, and Public Relations. Courses frequently utilize hands-on experiences to simulate working in professional environments. Students benefit from the real world experiences they find in The Pine Needle campus newspaper and WNCP-TV television station. The **Music** Department offered all students who have an interest and ability in music the opportunity to study either for a profession or a vocation.

The UNCP Jazz Combo, University Chorale, Brass Quintet, and other ensembles performed at events on and off campus throughout the year. Students also participated in senior recitals, musical theatre performances, and marching band halftime shows. In **Theatre**, Professor Stephanie Peters had students in THE 2360, Costume Technology, hard at work sewing dresses for "Dress a Girl Around the World." This international organization provides young girls with one new dress that will make them feel good and present on appearance that they are well cared for. Her students also worked on costumes for this year's productions of Waiting for Godot and A Raisin in the Sun.





People



The people you meet in college are the people you spend every day with. They're colleagues and coworkers, friends and partners. We all share the same goal: graduation. If we can all make it to graduation in one piece then that is an accomplishment to be celebrated. But how do we get there? We help each other. The familiar faces in the halls, in the classrooms, on the sidewalks all help us feel more comfortable while away from family and home towns. Some even travel across countries to be here, and that is why making new friends and making lasting connections is so important.

Be nice to one another, it's about networking and making the right decisions along the way. Getting the grades is easier to do when it is a team effort. Work smarter, not harder! College is difficult enough without us making it worse on each other. UNCP is a welcoming environment because the student body fights to make it that way.

Seniors



Brianna Shaihe Adams

Business Management
Clayton



Ashton Patricia Anderson

Elementary Education
Dallas



Elias Enrique Andrades-Deliz

Computer Science
San Juan, Puerto Rico



Rasean Antoine Antenie

Biology/Environmental Bio Track
Greensboro



Joshua Gavin Arnold

Special Education
Sanford



Marjorie Samone Barmore

Social Work
Winston-Salem



SENIOR PROFILE



Justice Sincere Boykin was born in Upstate New York but raised in the military town of Fayetteville, NC, where he has lived since he was eight. While at UNCP, Justice lived about 5 minutes from campus and commuted. "I like the distance from school," he said, "but dislike the variety of stories in the area." Justice was a sports medicine major concentrating in exercise physiology "because I love sports and science and I think it is fascinating how you can bring the two together." As part of his major, he has interned at SouthEastern Hospital and clinic. He also worked as a math tutor for the Center for Student Success. During his

time here, Justice has met great faculty members that he will keep in touch with and that have kept him focused. He was involved in ROTC, IABoss, Vanity Affairs, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He also had a YouTube Channel. Upon graduation, Justice will be commissioned as a 2nd LT in the Army and then will be attending graduate school: the military Physical Therapy Doctoral Program at Baylor University. When asked what he will miss about UNCP, he said it would be "the atmosphere of being at a home game." His advice to entering freshmen: "Come open minded, join clubs that will help you and ones that will release stress, but don't forget why you are here."

Justice Boykin



William Drew Baskin

Biology
Hope Mills

Tiffany Bellamy

Mathematics Education
Wilson

Justice Sincere Boykin

Exercise Physiology
Fayetteville



David Linwood Brown III

Broadcasting
Garland

Jayla Bryant

Biology
Monroe, LA

Shatanna Javon Cassidy

Criminal Justice
Fayetteville

Megan Brooke Chavis

Nursing
Lumberton



Nicholas Bender Chavis

Biotechnology
Maxton



Sakile Kajana Cheltenham

Journalism
Wake Forest



Gwendolyn L. Coker

Psychology
Rockingham



Hannah Elizabeth Cole

Biology
Morehead City



Kassie DeeAnn Conway

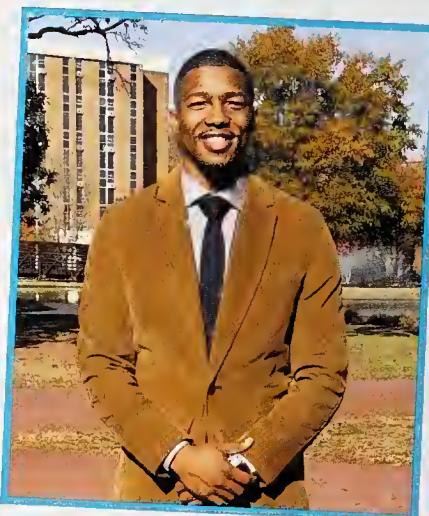
Biology/Chemistry
Dillwyn, VA



WORDS OF WISDOM

“Don't count the days, make
the days count”

- Muhammad Ali



Bryant Reed



Octavius Devante Copeland

Broadcasting

Kittrell

Valenda T. Covington

Birth-Kindergarten Education

Hometown

Zavier Deion Covington

Finance

Rockingham



Brittany Fay Crocker

Art Education

Ocean Isle Beach

Kaitlyn Michelle Crockett

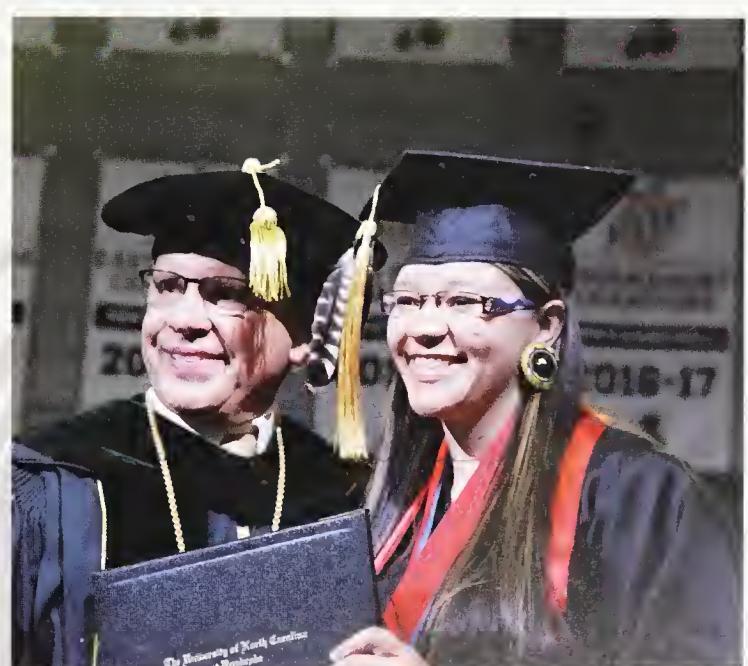
Nursing

Cameron

DeAndrea Arianna Crockwell

Social Work/Pre-Law

Mannheim, Germany



SENIOR PROFILE



Tiara R. Hargrove was an Exercise and Sports Science major with a Health Promotion track and a minor in Applied Gerontology who lived in Raleigh, NC. Tiara loves her family; they are her motivation! Tiara worked for the Hall Council Outreach Chair for the Residence Hall Association and hopes to keep in touch with her RHA family. The best decision she has ever made was applying to the Executive Board. They've gone through a lot together, but her fondest memories are all thanks to them. Tiara was also one of the LEAD Fellows for the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and a member of Tau Sigma Honor Society.

Tiara was excited to be graduating, stating, "It feels very surreal but I'm proud of myself for not giving up. I feel prepared to take on the 'adult world,' and I look forward to the opportunities and challenges awaiting me." After graduation, Tiara has accepted a position for Specialized Recreation and Inclusion Services; she will also be working on her Master's in Healthcare Administration. She would advise freshmen to get involved on campus, but, "Don't overwhelm yourself; don't let bad grades define you. Just keep trying. Take advantage of opportunities on campus that'll enhance your leadership skills and introduce you to new things. Call your parents and family members just to say, 'Hi,' or 'I love you.' Practice self-care routinely!"

Tiara Hargrove

Shiffen Alexis Crump

Information Technology
Wadesboro

Krystal Michelle Daniel

Sociology
Dunn

Paula Renee Daniel

Sociology
Dunn



Stedman Almarc Davis

Mass Communication
Morehead City

Abigail Elizabeth Domingo

Public Relations
Goldsboro

Darius Emmanuel Dunn

Exercise and Sport Science
Raleigh





Catherine Ann Easler

Elementary Education
Rockingham

Obiera Benjamin Eguuatu

Biology
Winston-Salem
William Etheridge
Chemistry
Hometown



Raven Symené Farmer

Biology
Wilson

Shearline N'kole Flythe

Sociology
Red Springs

Emma Carolina Fowler

Criminal Justice
Nakina

Taylor E Gerhart

Accounting
Winfield, NJ



Sadalia Clennee Henderson

Sociology
Raleigh



Hannah Lynn Hester

Public Relations
Lumberton

Brandon Ryan Hignite

Environmental Science
Fallbrook, CA





Samuel O'Neal Huggins

Chemistry

Hope Mills

Stefan Jamal Isaacs

English

Brooklyn, NY

Megan Cassidy Ivey

kindergarten/ science

Lumberton



Tenita Lynn Jacobs

Biology-Zoology

Maxton

Rosezetta Johnsen

Exercise Physiology

Washington, DC

Angelica Denise Jones

Information Technology

Hookerton

WORDS OF WISDOM



**“ I'm not here to be average,
I'm here to be awesome. ”**

Keberi Leigh Gerham



TaRayia Latisha Hadyia Jones

Psychology
Snow Hill

Gracia Kabeya

Criminal Justice
Charlotte

Georgian B. Kailendo

Biology
Charlotte



Michael Anthony Keeler

Computer Information Technology
Fort Campbell, KY

Sekaiya Lasan Kelly

Criminal Justice
Lillington

Nicholas Adam Kight

History
Holly Springs



SENIOR PROFILE



Sequoyah C. Williams, a senior from Greensboro, North Carolina, was a psychology major with a minor in management. She said she was "intrigued" by psychology but found a love for business while taking a few extra classes.

Sequoyah worked at Walgreens in Pembroke and was involved in the Pembroke Activities Council (PAC), National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), African Students Association (ASO), and Young Society (YSO).

She also volunteered off campus with the Robeson County Disaster Recovery Committee in hopes of helping the community restore what was lost from the natural disaster that hit Robeson County last year.

The diversity at UNCP has showed her that even thousands of miles away, we are all similar. Sequoyah hoped to attend graduate school to obtain an MBA with a concentration in Human Resources and get a job that is related or in her field. Sequoyah's advice to current and entering freshman would be to "do your best, quickly find a balance, take summer school if you can afford it, and get involved on campus!"

Sequoyah Williams



Amanda Kay Levy

Business Administration
Rolesville

Piper Lee Lizak

Philosophy and Religion
Wilmington

Brandy Nicole Lockhart

Exercise Physiology
Raleigh



Berri Nicole Locklear

Mathematics/American Indian Studies
Dallas

Elizabeth Barnetta Locklear

Biology
Laurinburg

Taylor Maria Locklear

Biology
Lumberton

Ronald Long

Biology

Fayetteville

Juandra Massey-Williams

Biology

Durham

Harvey Nicolean Robert Maynor

Information Technology

Prospect



Abigail Bray McEwan

Exercise and Sports Science

Laurinburg

Alvin McIver

Exercise and Sports Science

Fayetteville

Ten'taelecsa Talyiheme Mclean

Criminal Justice

Wagram



WORDS OF WISDOM

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

John 15:7



Kaitlyn Thomas



Carolina Ellene McMillan

Biology

Maxton

Elizabeth Antionette McMurtry

Science/Psychology

Fayetteville

Brandy LaMarla Melvin

Psychology

Roseboro



Wanda G. Monroe

Criminal Justice

Council

Heather Nicole Murray

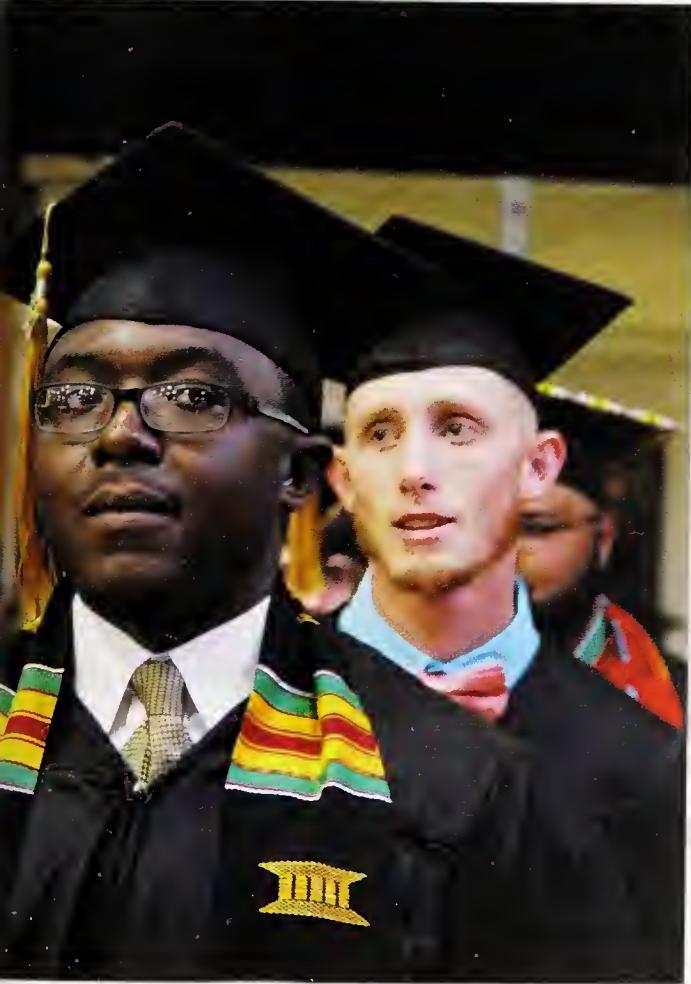
Social Work

Greensboro

Antonia Nichole Nelson

Public Relations

Nevada



SENIOR PROFILE



Rickelle Denise Hargrove, a senior from Raleigh, NC, was an exercise and sports science major with a health promotion concentration and a recreation minor. Her favorite professor was Dr. Wooten, who was "always willing to help" and has "an uplifting personality." In her spare time, Rickelle enjoys designing clothes, doing DIY's, spending time with her loved ones, and trying new things. She worked for UNCP's Residence Housing Association (RHA) as the Vice President of Media and Marketing, and she believes that having a job while in school made her more responsible and gave her the opportunity to network,

go to conferences, and connect with students. She is a first-generation college student, and her family helped move her in and attended her student orientation; they also called her frequently and held her to a high standard. Adjusting to college life was difficult, but once her sister enrolled in UNCP it was a lot easier, because they figured out things together. Meeting Joshua Fredenburg, a speaker who teaches students about "emotional intelligence," changed Rickelle's perspective on how she shouldn't let her emotions affect her life negatively. She believes that UNCP is very resourceful and has a lot to offer the students.

Rickelle Hargrove

Ciara Chantel Newkirk

Finance
Fayetteville

ZaSheyana Kinara Nicholson

Criminal Justice/Sociology
Mount Gilead

Alexys Nicole Pagan

Exercise Physiology
Fayetteville



Vrutik Patel

Business Administration-Finance
Raeford



Adam Nicholas Peele

Mass Communication
Laurinburg



Naomi Lynn Pierce

Broadcasting
Grantsboro





Whitney Nicole Pittman

Biology
Bladenboro

Sharon Denise Brown Platt

Public Relations
Lumberton

Kavita Sitara Ramcutar

Social Work
Stamford, CT



Lorna Olivia Revels

Biology
Lumberton

Austin Yun Rice

Criminal Justice
Seoul, South Korea

Sandra K Richardson

Sociology/Studio Art
Apex

Oscar Leon Rodriguez

Political Science-Prelaw
Charlotte

Keana Sanderson

Biology
Lumberton

Allison Marie Savinon

Biology
Raleigh

**David Ray Scott Jr.**

Public Relations
St Paul's

Ashley Marie Self

Journalism
Graham

Brianna Nicole Stanley

Biology
Laurinburg



Joseph Thornton was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and has lived in Rockingham, NC, since he was 2 years old. While at UNCP, Joseph resided at the View at Pembroke (formerly known as Pembroke Place) and he enjoyed the view of the pool and 24/7 access to the fitness center. He was a Mass Communication major with a concentration in Broadcasting. The faculty in the Mass Communication department has been of great assistance during Joseph's time at UNCP. "I like all of the faculty in the department because they are easy to get up with and their office hours are very reasonable," he said.

Joseph was very involved during his time at UNCP. He participated in Intramural sports and was a part of Intervarsity, ECHO college ministry, BEASC, and Circle K student organizations. "Being a part of these organizations has made my experience at UNCP very memorable, awesome, and life changing," said Joseph.

He will miss a lot of things about being at UNCP, from sitting at the water feature to attending athletic events. After graduation, Joseph planned to find a job near his home. His dream job is to work at ESPN.

SENIOR PROFILE**Joseph Thornton**



Ebone' Semone Stevens

Chemistry
Kernersville

Savannah Rae Thompson

Broadcasting
West End

Tierra Emoni Thompson

Biology
Greensboro



Joseph David Thornton

Mass Communication
Rockingham

Chiamaka Cerenifi Ubani

Biology/Social Work
Raleigh

Jeison Jesus Valencia

Biology
New Bern





Brendaly Vega

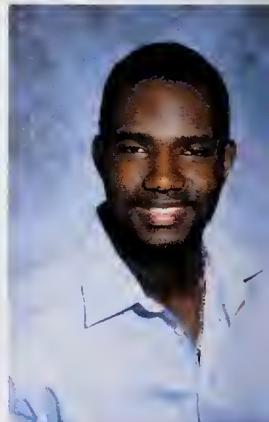
Journalism
Ammon

Travis Dixion Walters

Biology
Bladenboro

Denzel Lamon Webb

Exercise Physiology
Fuquay-Varina



Jeffery Justice Webster

Music
Somerset, NJ

**Rebecca Oluwafeyisayo-
Enueglecaope Wey**

Broadcasting/Theatre
Charlotte

Carlisa Williams

Exercise and Sport Science
Fayetteville



SENIOR PROFILE



Carlisa Williams, a senior from Fayetteville, NC, was an Exercise Science major and a first generation college student. She is glad that she chose to attend UNCP because she has made many connections that will last a lifetime. Carlisa was excited and proud about finally being a senior. "I have worked diligently for the last four years and now it is the time for me to reap the benefits from my hard work," she said, and she enjoyed most of the classes she has taken and her interactions with professors: "I like that my professors know me on a first name basis!" She likes that her professors took the time to answer questions.

Carlisa was very involved during her time at UNCP. She served a one-year appointment on the Board of Trustees for Pembroke Activities Council (PAC). Carlisa has worked as a Mentor/Academic Coach for Student Support Services, Social Media Manager for the Indianhead Yearbook, and Sports Photo Editor for the UNCP Pine Needle.

The best thing that she liked about UNCP is that "I had the opportunity to work at different places on campus and interact with a diverse population of students." After graduation, Carlisa planned to find employment in Fayetteville. She advises all students to become involved on campus and interact with people from different backgrounds.

Carlisa Williams



O'Shea Williams

Sociology/Criminal Justice
Chapel Hill



Sequayah Chamil Williams

Psychology/Management
Greensboro

Malik Tra'venne Worrells

Broadcasting
Goldsboro

Laura Gabrielle Zaetz

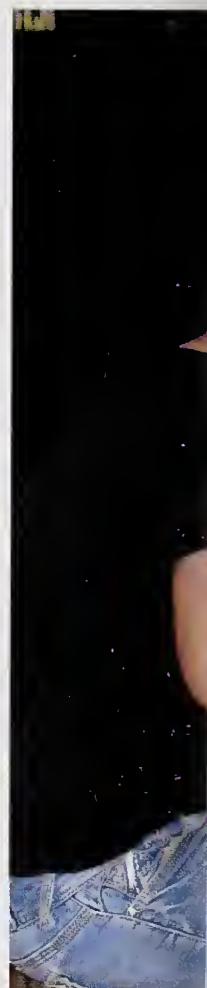
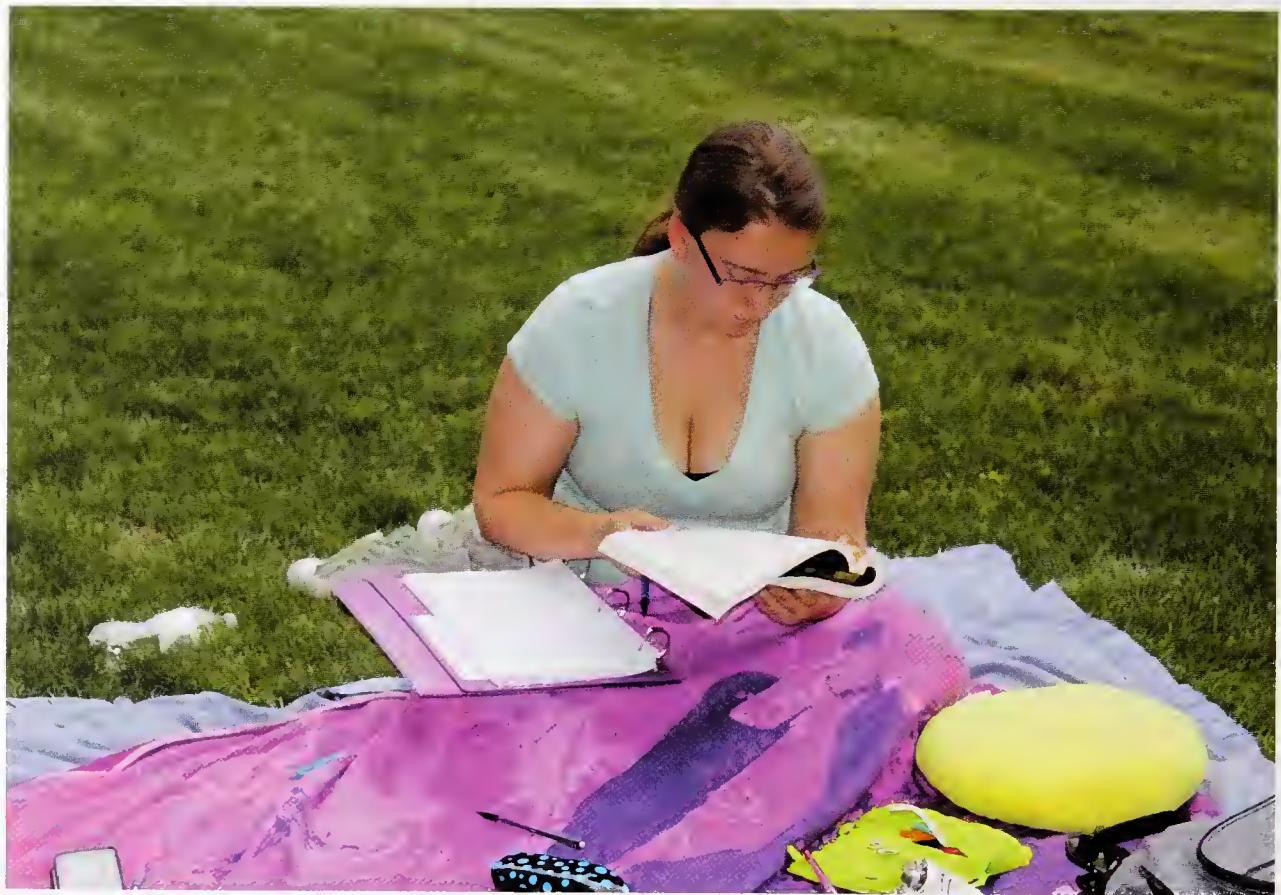
Theatre
Cary



*Kadijah Agganie
Alex Champ
Danielle Coleman*



*Domenico Colonna
Marilu Garcia
Daniel Gonzalez*





Anteja Gore
Jessica Horne
India Johnson



Kimberly Johnson
Brandon Le
Grace McLean



Juniors



Samantha Faye Smith, known as Alex, enjoys tennis, exploring various essential oils and makeup. Originally from Palatka, Florida, this first generation college student describes her hometown much like the town of Pembroke. Many lakes and limited attractions moved Alex to various parts of Florida such as Tampa and Orlando. She majored in Mass Communication, and the Indianhead yearbook and Pine Needle newspaper have each assisted in expanding and broadening her outgoing personality. She believes that college shapes life-long relationships built on memories and

experiences. Influences ranging from teachers, the diversity on campus, friends, family, her relationship with her girlfriend, and extracurricular activities remind her that her enjoyments from the involvement of these elements overrides the lack of enjoyment with studies. Alex hopes to move to Raleigh after graduation leaving students with these key pieces of advice: Do not take an 8am class, and do not procrastinate (so much).

Alex Faye Smith

Justice McLeod

Brittany Powell

Keily Ramirez

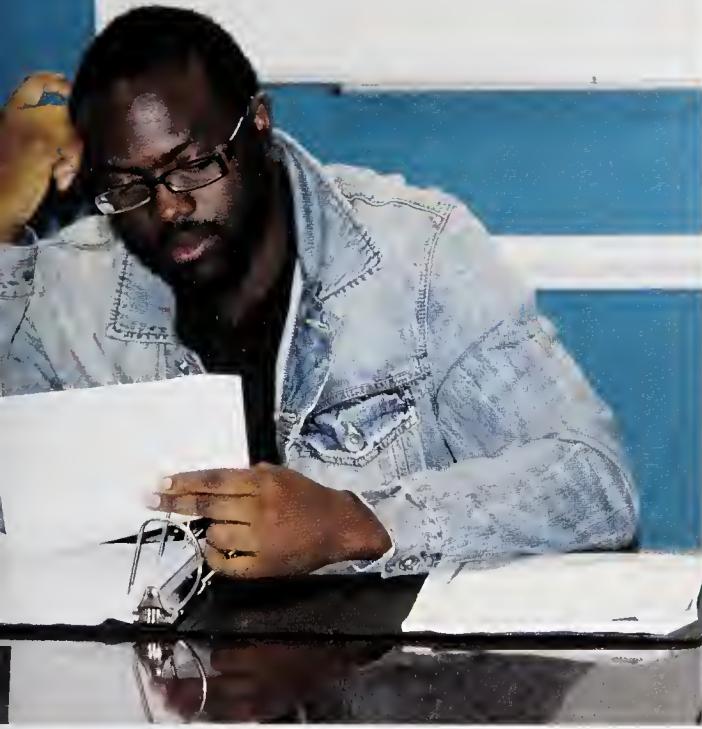


Jordan Robinson

Lea-Anna Santos

Kendall Scott



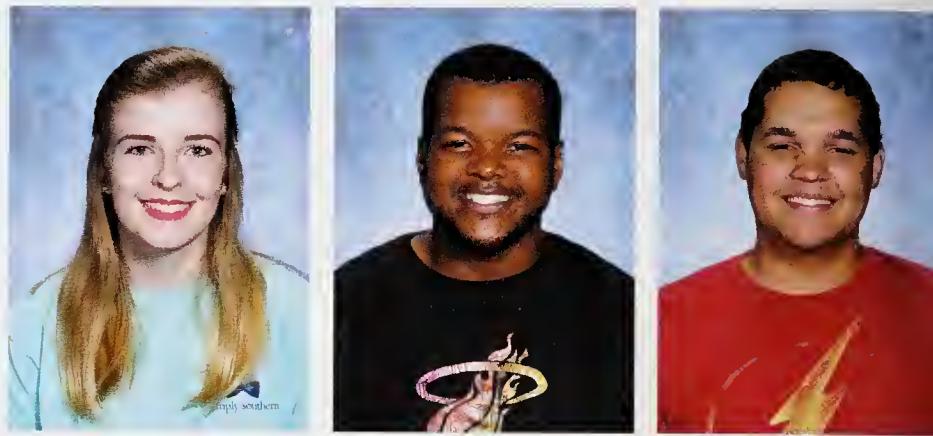


Alex Smith
Qiana Swan
Sports Tweede



Alex White
Kimberly Zelaya

Sarah Bowman
Andre Caldwell Jr.
Jalen Cole



Sarah Graybar
Jennifer Johnson
Andy Mendez



Sophomores



Cynthia Payne
Dyrrin Ray
Fredejah Royer



Ayanna Williams
Breanna Winston
Dillon Wood

SOPHOMORE PROFILE

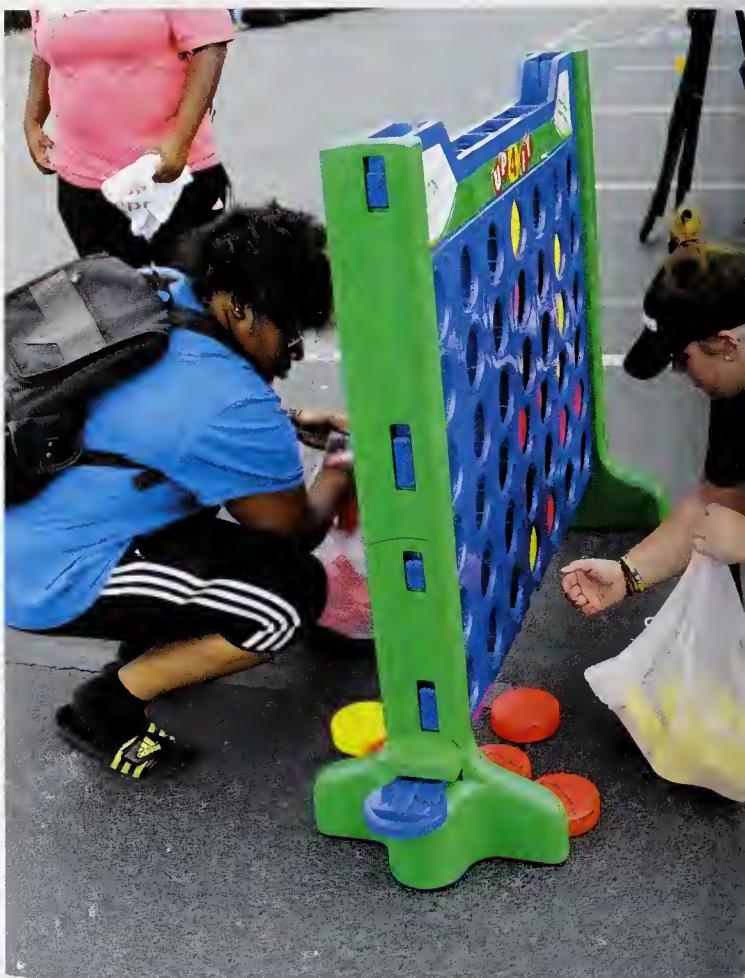
Nikolaus Jones



Nikolaus, "Nik," Jones is a Sophomore from Raeford. His hometown is small and there isn't much to do, but he's lived there for about 8 years. He has one sibling and his parents live separately. Both of his parents attended college but he says that it didn't affect his decision. He had planned on going to college anyway. He is an RA for Oak Hall and believes that living on campus is a good thing. He likes seeing and interacting with the community of students around him and relates to each one's struggles. "It has changed my perspective by

broadening my horizons and looking to further embrace diversity," he said. Nik's major is Social Studies Education. He chose this because he wants to be an educator and impact lives by giving students the tools to not only pursue an education, but to be able to think for themselves independently. He loves the courses that the department offers. He is a member of Spectrum as well as the Student Government Association. They have given him the ability to find his community and to positively impact his immediate community at UNCP. In his opinion, campus security is lackluster and needs staff improvements. Dining services grow repetitive, but the food isn't bad. CAPS is phenomenal on campus.

Freshmen



Asil Abydayeh
Tabitha Baldock
Ladeisha Banks



Victoria Brousseau
Kalyn Brown
Kristin Casey



David Jones

FRESHMAN PROFILE



David Jones, a pre-nursing major from Fayetteville, has an inherent love and compassion for others. In high school, he volunteered at a camp for children with chronic illnesses and gave his time serving the homeless while excelling in the classroom at Massey Hill Classical School. Now Jones is applying that same passion to pursue a nursing degree as the newest recipient of the Maynor Scholarship. "I have always had my eyes set on the medical field," he said, "because I feel I am well-equipped for a supporting role. Individuals working together as a group to achieve a specific goal has always been appealing to me."

The value of an education and its immeasurable impact was a recurring message in the Jones household. "My mother, especially, always stressed that we should focus on getting a good education first," he said. "Education is where you form your building blocks, she would often say. My dad stressed education, too, but his advice to me was to make sure that when things get tough with the school, to make sure my happiness came first." When it came time to choose a college, Jones turned to his parents for advice. "I was considering ECU and Chapel Hill, but my parents recommended UNC Pembroke," he said. "After looking into it, UNCP was a better fit because of its size." The university's low student-faculty ratio appealed to Jones. "That was the biggest factor in my decision," he said. "The professors take the time to get to know you on a personal level. And that's something you can't get at the larger schools."



Sandra Cox



Jon Felix



Isabelle Gornail



Madison Graybar



Tykeela Holloman



Carter Hunt Jr.

Courtney Hunt
Max Kennedy
Travis Mervin

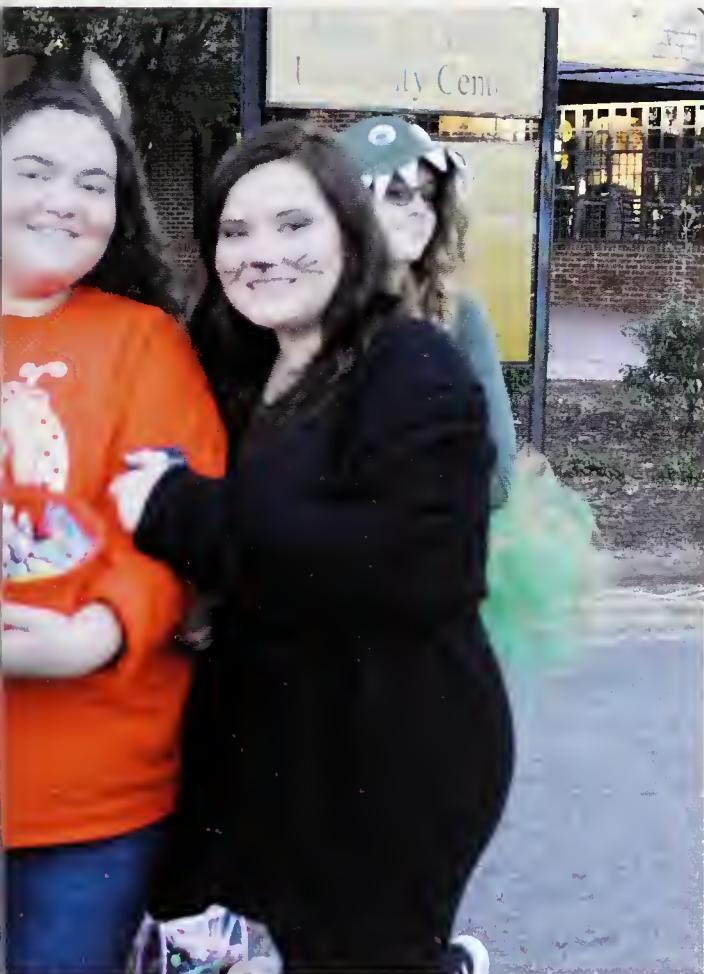


Jazmin Pet
Fatimah Salman
Hannah Stiles

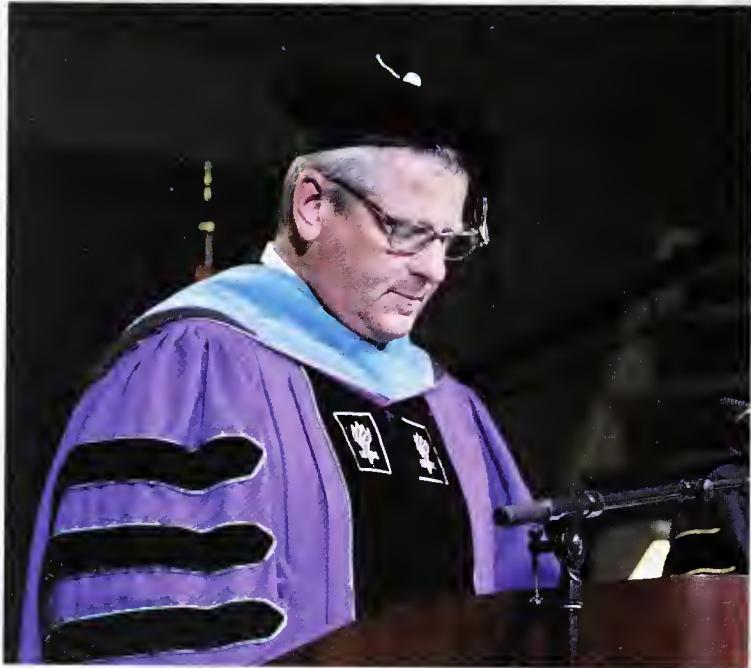




Hannah Strickland
Jasolyn Taylor
Hailie Wrenn



Administrators



Robin Gary Cummings

Chancellor

David Ward

Provost and Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs

William Stewart Thomas

Vice Chancellor for
Finance and Administration



Lisa Lewis Schaeffer

Vice Chancellor for
Student Affairs

Scott Billingsley

Associate Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs

R. Travis Bryant

Associate Vice Chancellor for
Campus Safety and Emergency Operations



ADMINISTRATOR PROFILE



Dr. David Ward became our new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on June 5, 2017. Coming to UNCP from Armstrong State University in Savannah, GA, Ward brought 29 years of experience in teaching, health care practice, and administration in higher education. Ward's interest in UNCP was driven by two factors: the opportunity to lead an institution that is focused on the future and UNCP's commitment to diversity in all its forms, along with a focus on both affordability and academic rigor. "The amount of pride the faculty and staff have for the university, for its students and the outcomes they are achieving was a real draw," Ward said. "It was infectious." "As provost, I have to be concerned about academic quality and ensuring students receive a world-class education," he said. "This is a new chapter for my wife, JoAnne, and me," he said. "I am enormously honored that Chancellor Cummings and the entire Pembroke community is entrusting me with this awesome responsibility. UNC Pembroke plays a critical role in impacting future generations and I am humbled by the community's willingness to have me be a part of that," he said.

Dr. David Ward



Rebecca Bullard-Dillard

Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Special Programs

Nancy Crouch

Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Resources and CIO



Cammie Hunt

Associate Vice Chancellor for Engaged Outreach

Elizabeth Nermany

Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Accreditation



Irene Aiken

Dean
Graduate School

Hannah Baggett Anderson

Lecturer
English

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Dr. Chet Jordan, who taught Theatre and Speech at UNCP for 37 years before retiring in May 2017, passed away in January 2018 after a brief illness. He was respected for his dedication and talent in his role of teacher, and his kindness, insight, and fairness in his role of advisor, advocate, and mentor. Dr. Jordan's students benefitted not only from his considerable knowledge and experience, but also from his wonderful energy, creativity, and sense of humor. He taught a variety of courses and approached each of them with seemingly boundless enthusiasm. This was the case whether he was teaching

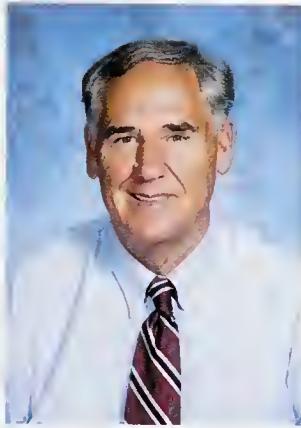
Interpersonal Communication, Discussion and Debate, Theatre History, or anything else. In addition to teaching, Dr. Jordan directed a mainstage theatre production each year for over thirty years. In his early career he was involved in the production of *Strike at the Wind*, and he was the first theatre director at UNCP to establish a relationship with the Roanoke Island Festival Park.

Beyond teaching and directing theatrical productions benefitting the university and the community, he served as director of UNCP's Theatre Program from its beginnings, and he guided the program administratively as it grew through the years. During his time at UNCP, Dr. Jordan was chair of the Faculty Senate in addition to serving on other Senate subcommittees. He will be missed.

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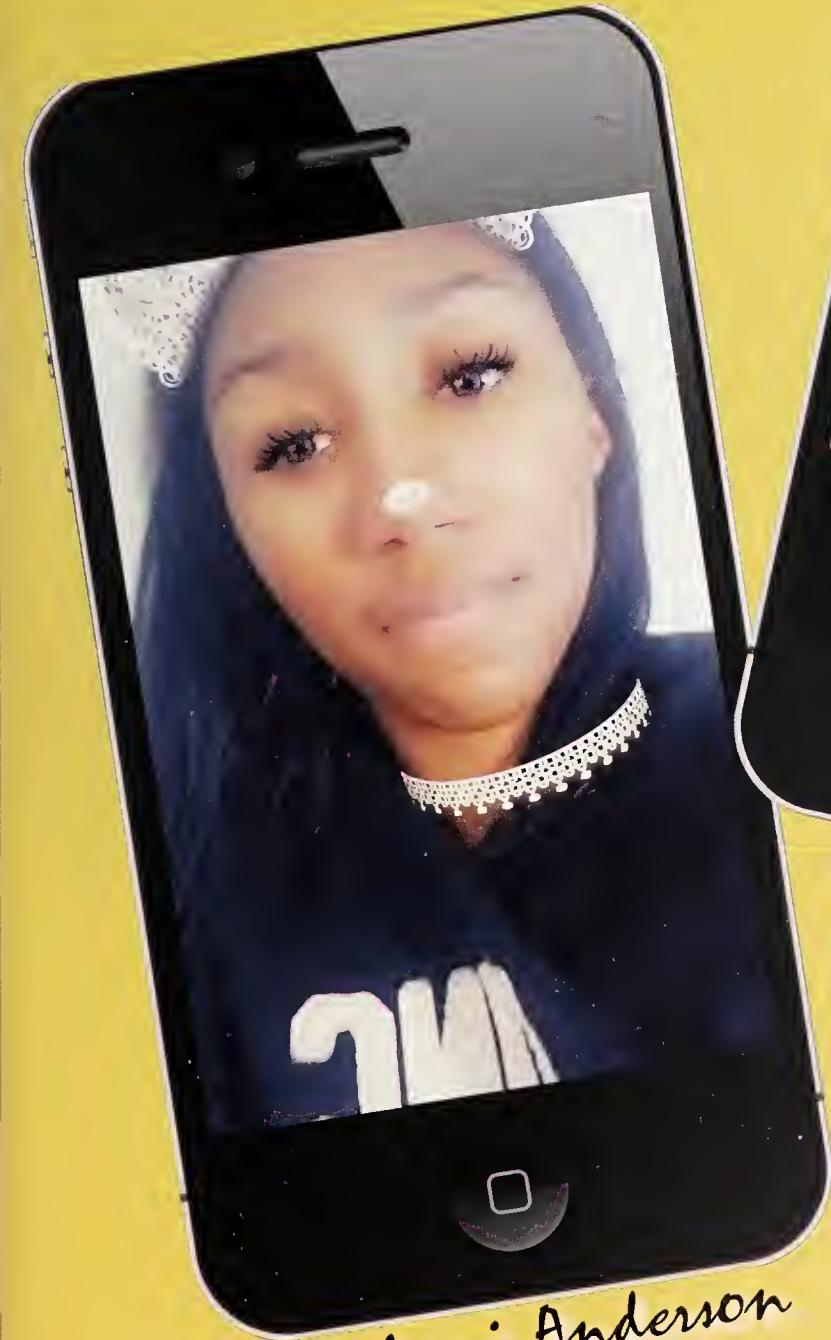
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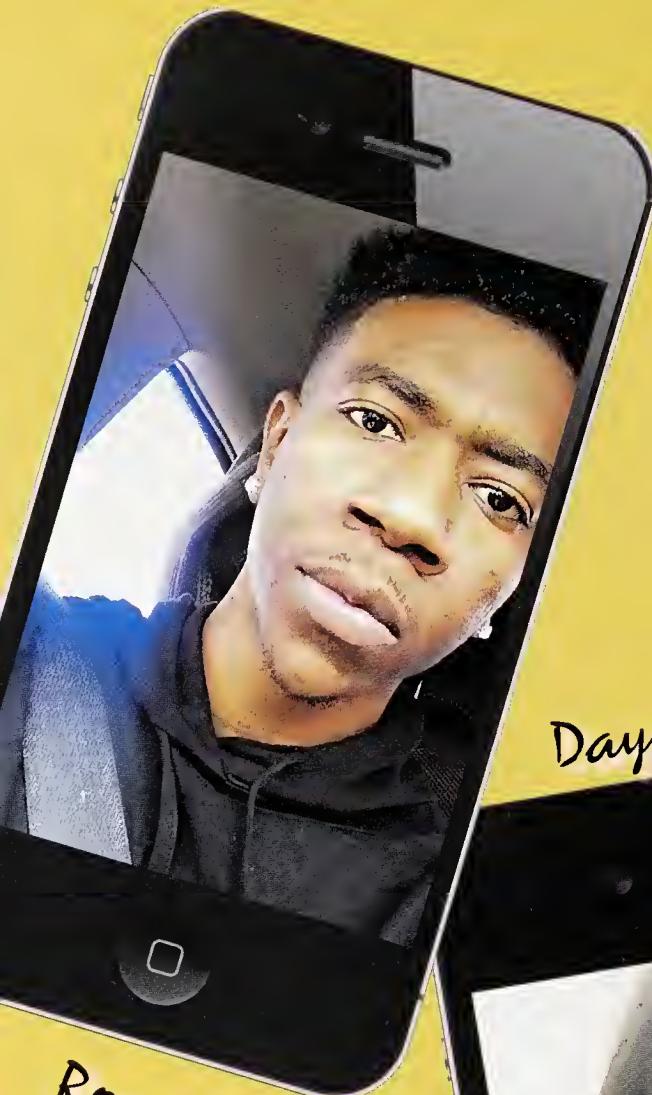
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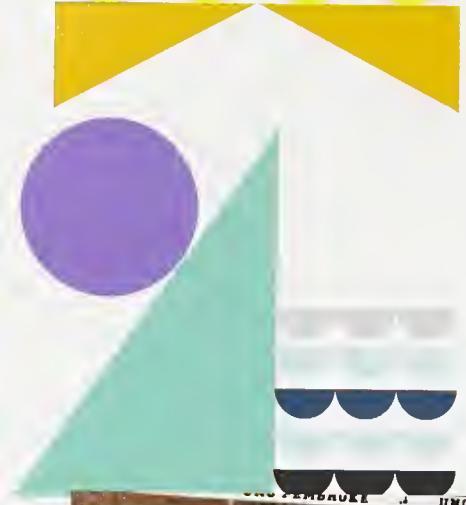
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As we bring this year to a close, we reflect and look back at all the pieces that have brought it together. All of the those late nights and those long drives and full moons under dark skies, they have all brought each and every one of us to this point.

Each student is different in their college careers. Not all of us are fresh out of high school and that's okay. We are all our own person at our own points in life and at UNCP we embrace that. We embrace the age differences, the fact that some of the students here have children, some have wives and husbands. And of course, the traditional students that are here.

Each interaction we have in our lives is important in its own way. Do something nice today for someone else. Go out and do your homework by the pool. Be happy, whatever that means for you because in the end, you're shaping someone else's day, too.





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This year was a personal challenge for many different reasons. Between two jobs, Junior year, and having full time classes, it was a growing pain. However, I wouldn't change any of it. It was a learning experience and only brought my staff and me closer together. I couldn't have done it without Ms. Oswald. She is truly a blessing that talks more than an angel but that's okay. It's part of who she is and we all love her for it. That being said, this year's book was about what shapes us.

Shapes can be taken multiple different ways, but ultimately it boils down to how you become the person that you are. All of your experiences, good and bad, combine to help you decide how to handle certain things and the relationships that you build. I hope that you all find this bit of advice as helpful as I have and continue to grow. There is something new to learn each and every day.

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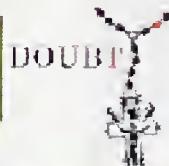
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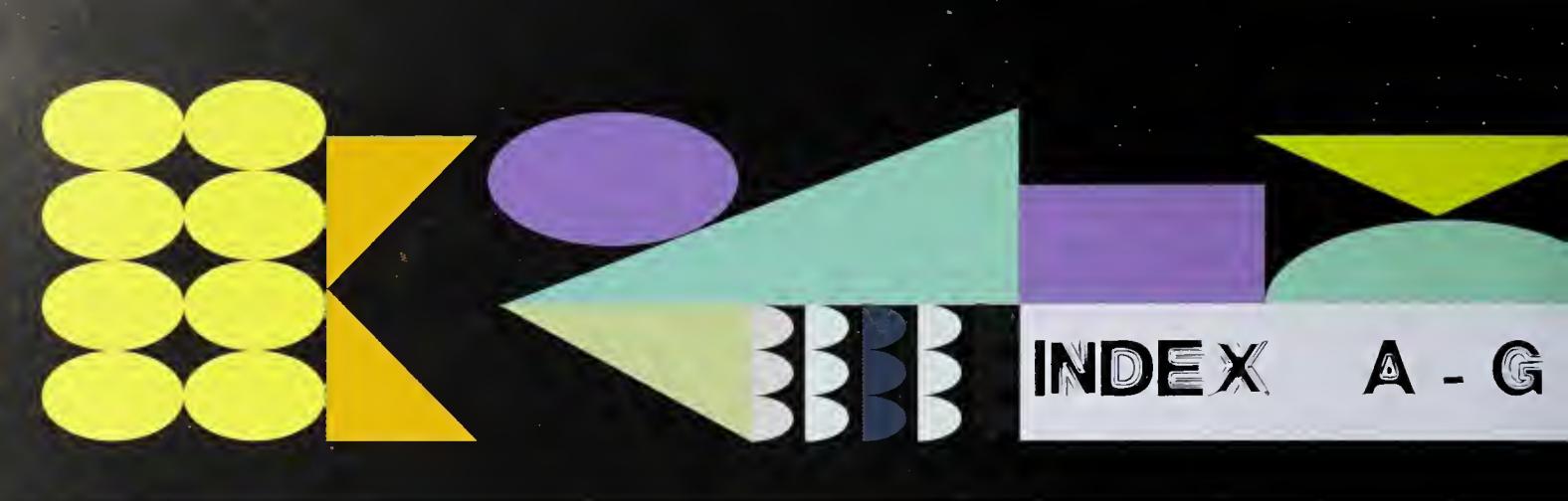
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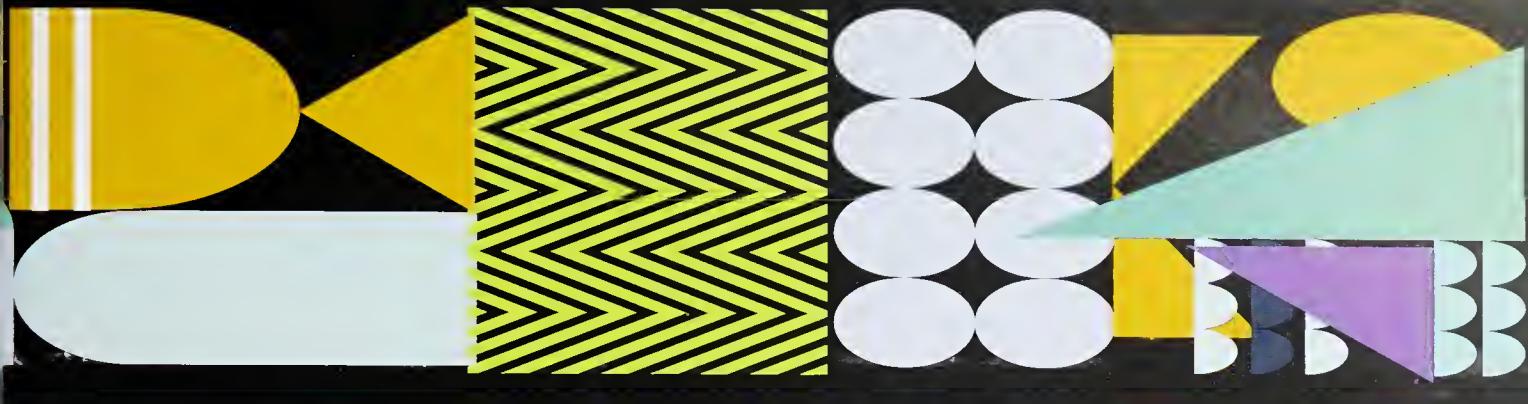
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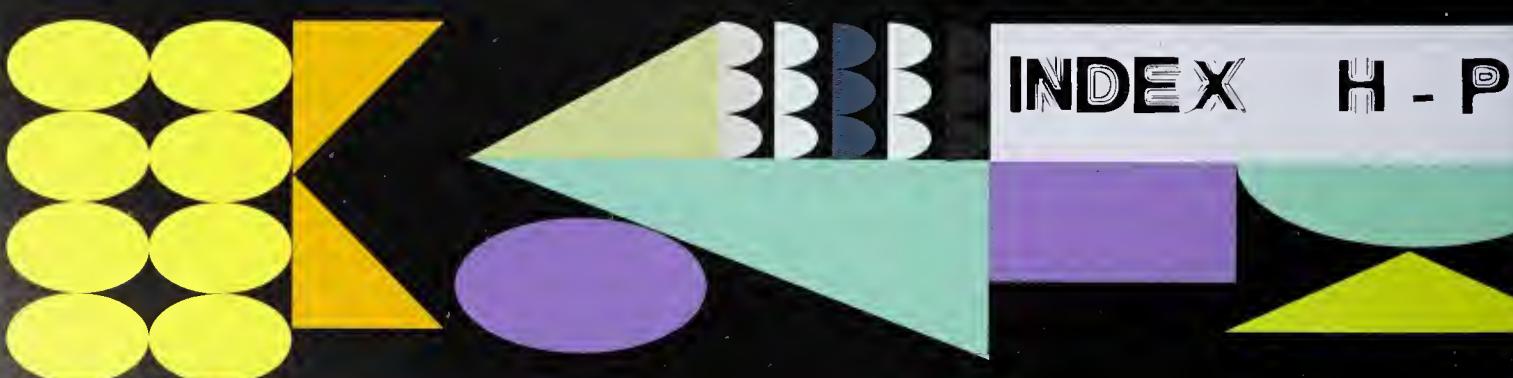
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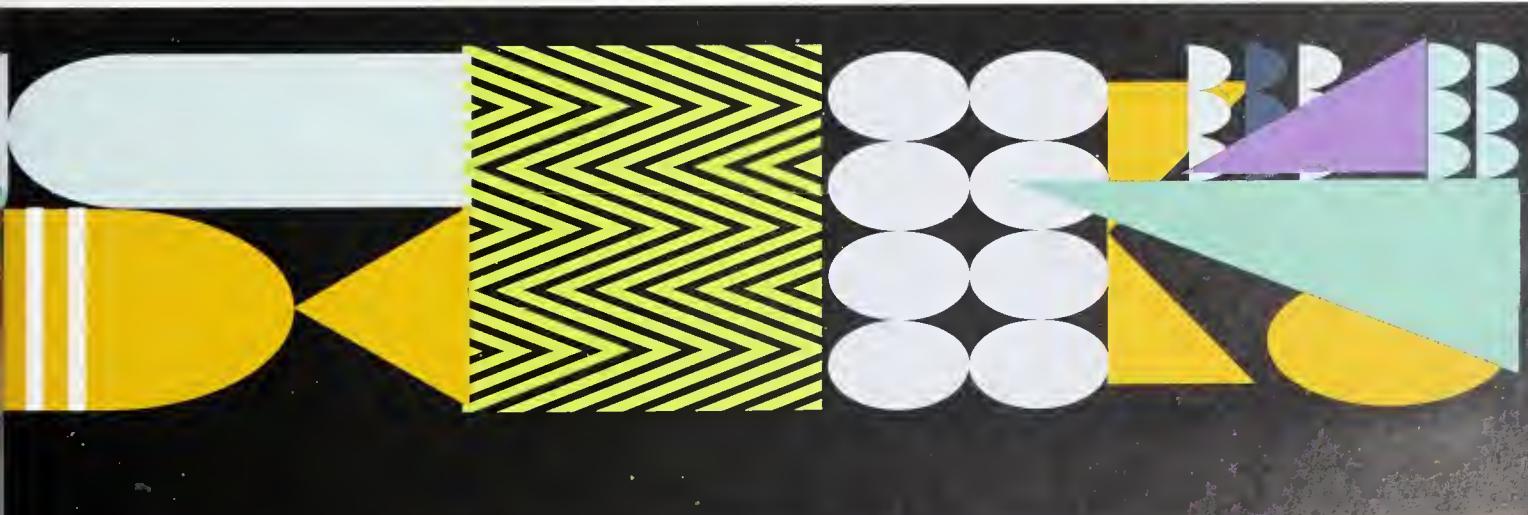


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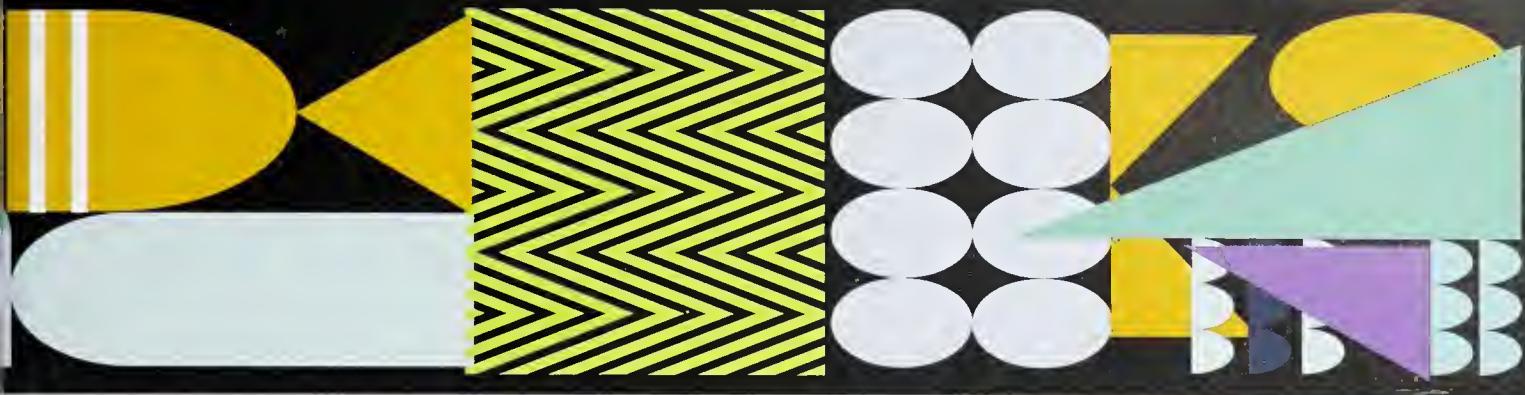
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